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BIG WIN FUELS PLAY-OFF DREAM

ASHFORD Town are back to winning ways as boss Steve Lovell refuses to give up on his dream of clinching a play-off berth. The Ryman League Division One South side hammered Molesey 3-0 on Saturday to fuel a four-match unbeaten run and deliver Lovell his first victory at the club's Homelands ground in Kingsnorth since he took over in October. **FULL STORY - PAGE 54.**

EXCLUSIVE

BY ED HILL

THE TOWN is teetering on the brink of a major dentist dilemma as surgeries across the borough hit capacity.

Just one of the 15 registered dental practices in Ashford and Tenterden is able to immediately offer a place on its books while 12 say they are unable to accept either NHS or private patients.

The remaining two will take on NHS patients – but only if you're prepared to get on a waiting list.

And, in a special investigation by Yourashford, the situation shows little sign of easing, with no new practices on the horizon. What's more, with thousands of new homes being built, the strain on existing services is set to hit breaking point.

It prompted one practice manager to blast the government's funding strategy for NHS patients, accusing it of 'burying its head in the sand'.

According to the Department of Health's Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS), of the three practices that are accepting new patients, only the Oradent Surgery in Beaver Road is ready to accept patients straight away.

Nationally it is said there is only one dentist for 2,500 people - for both private and NHS clients.

Val Hemsley, practice manager at the Elwick Road Dental Surgery, said: "From what I have heard there is a problem in the town at the moment."

The situation for NHS patients is complicated. Dentists are now allocated a number of 'units of dental activity'. Each practice which accepts NHS patients has to allocate these units to its patients. However, these may not always be enough.

Mrs Hemsley explained: "This is how dentists

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Commitment to Fairtrade is rewarded

■ BY ED HILL

WE'RE an ethical shopper's town – and that's official.

Ashford has become only the fifth in Kent to be granted Fairtrade Town status – and joins nearly 250 across the country.

The honour bestowed upon it by the Fairtrade Foundation – an organisation which campaigns to get disadvantaged producers in the developing world a better deal – recognises the town's shift to promoting Fairtrade-endorsed products.

And it represents a major coup for the Fairtrade steering group, set up by the council to bag the award.

Les Lawrie, chairman of the group, said: "There are levels of Fairtrade a town has to achieve depending on the size of the population.

"A certain number of retail outlets have to offer Fairtrade items to the public. A major employer in the area has to be committed to it and the council has to pass a resolution committing itself to Fairtrade ideals."

Promote

Businesses around the town have to offer their customers Fairtrade products such as drinks in cafés and food in grocers.

Among the firms involved are the Brakes Group – based on the Eureka Business Park – which manufactures Fairtrade products.

Mr Lawrie said: "Ashford is unusual in we actually have companies who make the Fairtrade food that is supplied to local outlets."

On February 9, an official certificate will be handed to the mayor Rita Hawes at the St Mary church in the town centre to recognise the award.

It is hoped the town's new status will raise awareness of the issue around the town.

Mr Lawrie said: "The products are a means to an end. What we are really about is trying to promote the principle of giving people a fair deal for what they produce."



IDEALS: Ashford will receive Fairtrade status

"This doesn't just apply to items from far away. The whole idea of backing local produce is important.

"For example, look at our local dairy farmers they would like a fair deal for what they produce."

Mr Lawrie said that although people had to pay a little more for Fairtrade products all the extra money should go to the producers to help them develop their communities.

He said: "All the surveys indicate that this is something that chimes with the public.

"Of course, there are some people who don't want to pay more and those who can't afford to, but more and more people are becoming aware of how they shop affects the producers."

'There's not enough incentive for dentists'

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get paid for NHS work. Three units might represent a check-up, filling or extraction. If they have one filling that's fine, but the patient might need 20 fillings and the dentist would still only get paid the same amount.

"There's not enough incentive for dentists to treat NHS patients; the Government need to re-examine the policy. At the moment they are just burying their head in the sand."

Gary McFegan, spokesman for the Eastern and Coastal Kent Primary Care Trust (PCT), said: "If they can't offer their patients treatment then they have to be offered another dentist in their area who can. Because of the national shortage of dentists this may mean people have to travel further to get their treatment."

According to the trust it is addressing the problem of access to dentists.

It has recently agreed to invest a further £1.5 million for extra capacity in its area. It also says it is investing an additional £2m in orthodontic treatment with contracts to be agreed by February this year.

He said: "We are boosting our existing capacity across the PCT but because we are a large geographical area there may be areas that have more dentists than others."

He said anyone who needed emergency treatment should contact the PALS on 0845 6015890 or the dental access helpline on 01233 658406.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Year eight investigate

BUDDING forensic scientists got a chance to test their skills at the Towers School in Kennington.

The school was visited by the group AimHigher which ran two labs where the students had to use professional forensic equipment to solve a crime.

Children from Year Eight had to work together dusting for fingerprints to solve crimes and analyse a reconstruction of a crime on video.

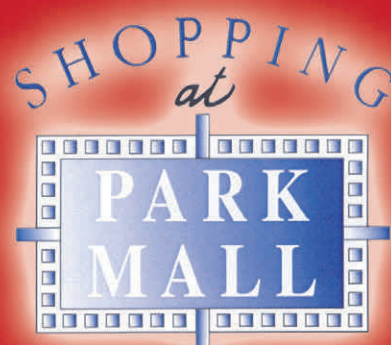
61-year-old's bag theft

POLICE are hunting the crooks who stole a woman's handbag as she walked near the site of the old Victoria Road gasworks.

The 61-year-old was robbed on January 12 between 7-7.30pm as she walked over the railway footbridge that links Elwick Road and Jemmett Road.

As she walked past the former gasworks a man approached her demanding money before pinching her bag.

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Stones and power cut infuriate firms

Yobs attack EDF men as lights go out

BY ED HILL

FUMING businesses were hit by a double-whammy last week after they were left without power for more than 24 hours – and when a temporary generator was drafted in, it was hit by stone-throwing crooks who then tried to steal it.

Now firms on the Chilmington Industrial Estate have hit out at the state of power supplies feeding their operations – claiming they have been ‘neglected’ by electricity company EDF.

The drama took place last Monday when a power cut hit the area around Great Chart after a fault in an underground cable.

More than 510 homes and businesses were affected.

Although power firm EDF was quickly able to fix most of the problems, power to the industri-



'NEGLECTED': Firms on the Chilmington Industrial Estate are counting the cost of latest cut in power

al estate took longer.

Incredibly, when a temporary generator was drafted in to power-up the businesses on the estate, it was then targeted by thieves.

Helen Galley from EDF said: “The generators were delivered to the site that evening, but thieves stole the leads from the generators and threw stones at the lorry and the driver.

Paramount

“Our engineers escorted the driver off-site and we were unable to continue our work on site for safety reasons.

“The theft and threatening behaviour has been reported to the local police by our contractors. The safety of our staff and the contractors who work on our behalf is paramount.”

But business bosses were left fuming at the cost of not being able to work for more than 24 hours – and said despite the attack, the power outage was nothing new.

Vaughan Feaver, director of RGH Manufacturing on the estate, said: “We seem to get these problems every winter. I would estimate that we lose seven to ten days work because there is no investment in the infrastructure.”

Clive Chadwick, from A.D. More Metal Spinning, added: “Without electricity our business grinds to a halt. I think because we are in such a rural area we are neglected by EDF to some extent. There’s no incentive for the power company to upgrade our supply.”

Power was finally restored to all except one of the customers by 7pm the following day.

Picture: Ed Hill

Musician says thanks to NHS

A CONCERT by renowned violin soloist Markus Lawrenson will be held at the St Mary the Virgin church in the town centre on February 9.

The musician from Lympne has decided to put on the concert in aid of the intensive therapy unit at the William Harvey Hospital. It recently treated his father after he was admitted with pneumonia which affected his heart.

Mr Lawrenson said: “Over the summer my dad was admitted to the intensive therapy unit. He was there for five weeks, but he made a miraculous recovery. I felt this was the least I could do for them.”

The violinist, who trained at the Royal College of Music, has performed in concerts broadcast by the BBC and Classic FM. His proudest moment was performing for Prince Charles at Buckingham Palace.

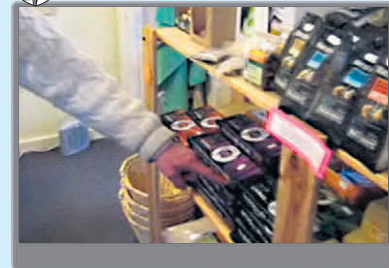
Mr Lawrenson said: “There’s so many negative things said about the NHS, but from what we saw, he could not have wanted for any more.”

The concert will begin at 7pm with tickets costing £5. To reserve a seat call 01233 633331 ext 88394.

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Take a look around the new Fairtrade shop in Kennington

Money bags led police to £53m gang

A WHITE Transit van found in the car park of the Ashford International hotel stuffed with money helped lead police tracking down the criminal gang behind the £53 million Securitas raid in Tonbridge.

Five men were convicted on Monday for their part in the crime which shocked the nation.

But it was the discovery of the van, containing £1.4m of cash stuffed in black bin liners, which provided police with their first real breakthrough.

Car dealer Stuart Royle, 49, from Maidstone, warehouse worker Ermir Hysenaj, 28, of Crowborough, car dealer Roger Coutts, 30, of Welling, roofer Lea Rusha, 35, of Southborough, and doorman Jetmir Bucpapa, 26, of Tonbridge, were all found guilty of conspiracy to possess a firearm, conspiracy to kidnap and conspiracy to commit robbery.

But car trader John Fowler, 59, of Staplehurst, has been cleared of all charges.

Signwriter Keith Borer, 54, from Maidstone, was found not guilty of handling stolen goods.

The trial has been taking place at the Old Bailey in London for the last seven months.

Nine years later and cycle path is finally completed

BY NICK AMES

A NEW cycle route connecting Little Burton Farm with Ashford town centre – and linking into the national cycle network has been officially opened – nine years after it was first proposed.

Crucially, the cycle path and pedestrian route dips under the M20 providing a safe access to the town centre for residents to the north of the motorway. It then travels alongside parts of the River Stour and means cyclists can avoid the busy A28 Canterbury Road.

Keith Ferrin, Kent County Council cabinet member for highways and the environment said: “The big advantage is this route will go under the M20. It will link the town together in a safe way.

“In Ashford, we have the unique opportunity to have dedicated routes that we can build as the town develops.”

The official opening took place

yesterday at the Ashford Rugby Club in Kinney’s Lane.

The route was opened by Mr Ferrin and the town’s mayor Rita Hawes.

It had been hoped local BBC weather girl Kaddy Lee-Preston would conduct the opening, but she was struck down by illness and unable to attend.

They were joined by children from the local Towers School who cycled down the path with their head teacher Malcolm Ramsey.

David Young from the cycling charity Sustrans, who helped plan the route, said: “This project goes back nine years. It has taken some time to negotiate with landowners.

“But this now plugs a gap in our key Route 18 which is part of the national cycle network.”

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Green tasks for new centre boss

DANIEL Jones has been unveiled as the manager of the new Singleton Environment Centre which is due to open its doors in the spring.

Mr Jones from Kennington, has more than a decade of experience working in the voluntary sector and has previously been responsible for the day-to-day running of an office and factory site which involved general administration, facilities and contracts management.

He has also been a volunteer and committee member of the Ashford Hospital Broadcasting at the William Harvey Hospital, for more than ten years.

He said: "I've always been interested in the environment and feel I bring a mixture of skills, local knowledge and enthusiasm to the project."

Local man banned from port town

A MAN from Ashford has been banned from setting foot in Dover for the next two years – and if he doesn't heed the warning he will go to jail for five months.

Jason Olds, 37, of Beaver Road, is also banned from talking to former partner Katherine Mennie for the same period.

He admitted assaulting Miss Mennie and resisting arrest during a domestic incident at her home in Dover.

Anna Kachingwe, prosecuting at Folkestone Magistrates Court, said the assault happened shortly after Olds had been released from prison after a previous attack on Miss Mennie.

The court heard Olds was on anti-depressant tablets and had drunk three litres of wine before the attack.

As well as the suspended prison sentence, Olds was given a two-year supervision order, and ordered to attend a domestic abuse course.

He was ordered to pay Miss Mennie £100 compensation and £100 court costs.

...and another's barred in Thanet

AN Ashford man has been banned from every shop in Thanet after he stole perfume from a store before Christmas.

CCTV film showed John Barham, 18, of Austin Road, stuffing perfume worth £300 in his pockets at the TK Maxx store at Westwood Cross, Broadstairs on December 21.

The case against Barham was adjourned until February 18 for probation reports to be prepared.

Owl of protest over birds' mistreatment

BY ED HILL

'MACHO' animal owners who plump for birds of prey as pets are putting a strain on a leading local owl sanctuary.

The Tomar Owl Sanctuary in Cheeseman's Green, near Mersham, has been rescuing birds for nearly 20 years, but a worrying new trend for our feathered friends as pets has put added pressure on it.

Now it needs funds to help revive some of its older aviaries to accommodate the birds it is receiving.

Tom Tyrell, who runs the centre with his wife Margaret, says the problem of abandoned birds has got worse in recent years.

He told Yourashford: "There's been an increase in problems in the last three years or so.

"Some people's attitude to animals is strange. They just want something straight away and don't think about the consequences involved.

"There's also an element of people who think it's macho to have something like an eagle owl on their arm but these things take a lot of looking after."

Mr Tyrell opened the centre in 1989 after an accident forced him to retire from work. It has cared and returned to the wild 10,000 animals since then.

Aside from owls, the centre looks after other birds of prey including harrier hawks and buzzards. They also care for other animals such as badgers and rabbits.

Mr Tyrell says most of the owls he looks after are not from the wild but bred from captivity.

He said: "Breeders can make a lot of money from these birds. Something like an eagle owl may be sold for £1,000. Even a barn owl will be sold for around £60-80."

All of the family help out at the centre. Mr Tyrell's sons help give up their spare time to help build aviaries, while the husband and wife team do most of the bird handling.

However, the centre needs funds and is especially keen to attract the help of businesses around the area.

Mr Tyrell said: "It is great that we get individual donations from people but it would be good to get some proper sponsorship from businesses."



NO ORDINARY PET: Tom Tyrell says birds of prey such as the eagle owl (pictured) need a lot of care

A bird's eye view of sanctuary

WHY not take a look around the Tomar Owl Sanctuary on our free, broadband TV site www.yourkenttv.co.uk?

The centre has begun rebuilding the aviaries needed to accommodate the birds it receives – but each one costs around £500 to rebuild.

It has prompted the sanctuary's owners to appeal for business sponsorship to help its efforts.

Owner Tom Tyrell gets calls

everyday from people who have either found injured birds or can no longer cope with the pets – and not just locally.

He travels all around the country to collect the birds. The native British owls such as the barn and tawny owls are re-released into the wild.

However, the bigger birds such as the snowy and eagle owls have to be looked after.

Mr Tyrell said: "We have to be very careful about

re-homing them. We will not sell any owls to members of the public.

"Often if these birds have suffered abuse or have been neglected, then we would just be passing on the problem."

For more on the sanctuary log-on to www.tomar.org.uk, call 01233 503437, or email contact@tomarowls.yahoo.co.uk.

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RECYCLED: How Charter House could look if it is transformed from an office block into residential apartments

Developers go flat out to build yet more homes

■ BY ED HILL

THE housing explosion in the town continued this week, with plans unveiled for three major developments bringing the prospect of another 730 homes.

The most prominent was the public unveiling of plans to redevelop the Charter House site – transforming it from an office block into residential apartments.

But it was closely followed by news a 15-acre former rail yard in Hunter Avenue, close to the train station, has been sold to housing developer Fairview New Homes.

It intends to splash out £51million on building 350 new homes on the site, which was previously used for storage during the construction of the Channel Tunnel rail link. It was sold by London & Continental Railways (LCR).

The development, a mix of modern apartments and houses, will, say the firm, be particularly suited to first-time buyers.

Construction is anticipated to begin in January 2009 and complete by June 2011.

And the trio of new developments were

concluded after council planners were asked to give the green light to plans to demolish an existing block of flats in Stanhope to make way for 47 new homes as part of the estate's on-going overhaul.

If the scheme is passed by the committee tonight, it will mean 33 flats and 14 houses would be built on an existing housing site in Eastry Close.

Ashford is set for 30,000 new homes by 2031 after being identified as one of the country's major growth areas.

The Charter House proposal is perhaps the most dramatic alteration of a building being proposed.

Described by many as an eyesore, business occupancy has dipped in recent years, prompted the plans to turn it into apartments.

Built as an office block in 1975, developers Dukelease publicly unveiled plans last week which would see 333 new homes created from the existing site and two new buildings.

Architect Kerry Lewis said: "The original building was built to a high standard. It lends itself well to this kind of development.

"The ceiling levels and floor areas are ideal for turning the building into flats. You could have knocked the building down but that would be extremely wasteful. This is the ideal way to recycle a building."

Take a sneak peak at Charter House plans

THE Charter House development would see the building transformed into a selection of studio and one and two-bedroom flats.

Project director Paul Cook from developers Dukelease said: "This consultation process with the public is very important.

"It informs them as to what might be happening. At the moment we have not made an official planning application to Ashford council."

The developers hope that if the planning process goes smoothly the project could be completed by 2010.

For a short clip on the public plans see www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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Can you help at the Rare Breeds Centre?

THE RARE Breeds Centre in Woodchurch is looking for volunteers to help maintain its 120-acre site and environmental education centre.

Nigel Collins from the centre said: "This spring sees the opening of two major new attractions at the centre; a bird of prey exhibit and our Creepy Crawly World. We're looking for some bright, enthusiastic and committed volunteers to work on the farm and engage with our visitors and disabled residents."

Animals at the centre include rare breeds of sheep, pigs, birds of prey and reptiles.

Age and experience is no barrier as the centre will offer training and support.

Although volunteers are unpaid they can claim travel expenses and will be offered free meals.

Mr Collins said: "For someone with some time on their hands looking to do something worthwhile, interesting and exciting, this is a fantastic opportunity.

"Ideally we are looking for people who can commit to a regular day or two a week."

For more details email nigel@rarebreeds.org.uk or call 01233 861493 ext 221.

Still time to air your views on new school

PLANS are afoot to build a new primary school on the former Templar Barracks site.

Proposals for a new primary school at Repton Park were discussed at a public meeting at Highworth School last week.

The school for the former Templar Barracks site, is anticipated to cater for some of the 1,250 new homes being built at the site.

If the plan goes ahead the new school, catering for 210 pupils, could be built by September 2010.

Those who missed the meeting can access the public consultation document online at www.kent.gov.uk/publications/education-and-learning. Entry deadline is 5pm, February 15.

Airshow grounded due to lack of sponsorship

THIS year's Lydd Airshow has been scrapped amid cost concerns.

The event at the London Ashford Airport had been due to be held over the weekend of June 28-29. Around 40,000 people attended in each 2006 and 2007 and the event had become a major attraction for East Kent.

But airport managing director Zaher Deir said: "Staging such a large-scale public event has been very costly. For the last two years Lydd Airshow has relied solely on the airport for its full financial support."

It now hopes to secure a sponsor to bring the event back for 2009.



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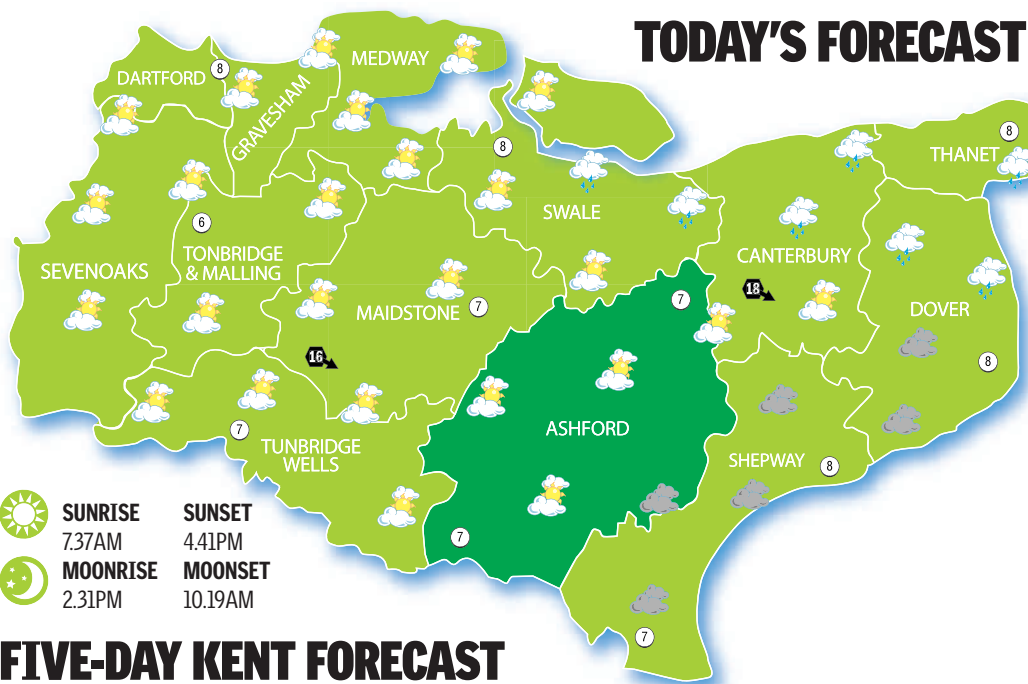


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	Sunday	6:45pm	4.9m
Dungeness	Saturday	5:27pm	5.9m
	Sunday	6:38pm	5.8m
Ramsgate	Saturday	5:47pm	3.8m
	Sunday	6:22am	3.9m
Sheerness	Saturday	6:31pm	4.5m
	Sunday	7:00am	4.5m
Whitstable	Saturday	6:39pm	4.3m
	Sunday	7:00am	4.4m



AROUND THE WORLD YESTERDAY

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Athens	15°C	New York	3°C
Barcelona	17°C	Paris	5°C
Beijing	-1°C	Rome	14°C
Bombay	30°C	Sydney	24°C
Cape Town	24°C	Tenerife	23°C
Cardiff	8°C	Tokyo	6°C
Gibraltar	17°C	Vancouver	2°C
Hong Kong	13°C	Warsaw	2°C
Las Palmas	21°C	Wellington	18°C

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	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon		Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon
Ashford	7°C	10°C	5°C	4°C	6°C	Gravesend	7°C	9°C	5°C	4°C	7°C
Canterbury	7°C	9°C	5°C	4°C	7°C	Maidstone	7°C	9°C	5°C	4°C	8°C
Chatham	7°C	10°C	5°C	4°C	8°C	Ramsgate	7°C	9°C	5°C	4°C	7°C
Dartford	7°C	9°C	5°C	4°C	7°C	Rochester	7°C	10°C	5°C	4°C	8°C
Dover	7°C	8°C	6°C	6°C	6°C	Sevenoaks	5°C	8°C	4°C	3°C	5°C
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NEWS IN BRIEF

Gang attackers hunted after alleyway assault

POLICE are hunting a gang that attacked a group of teenagers leaving them requiring hospital treatment.

The incident took place on January 19 in an alleyway which runs between the A28 Canterbury Road and Hill View at around 12.45pm.

Three 14-year-olds and a 16-year-old were cycling along the path when they were attacked by a group of older youths.

The gang punched and kicked the boys and threw a bicycle at them. The four sustained head, face and back injuries that later had to be treated in hospital.

The attackers left the scene with a black Saracen Instinct bike belonging to one of the victims and made off towards the Henwood Industrial Estate.

The offenders, believed to number between five and seven, are described as aged between 16-18, one black, and the remainder white. They were all wearing hoodies.

If you have any information to help police call 01303 289180.

New planning process

COUNCIL chiefs are getting ahead of the game by introducing a major shake-up in the way planning applications are made – two months early.

The new IAAP process replaces all existing types of application forms and will come into force here on February 1. Nationally, it kicks in on April 6. It is hoped the new method will simplify the planning process.

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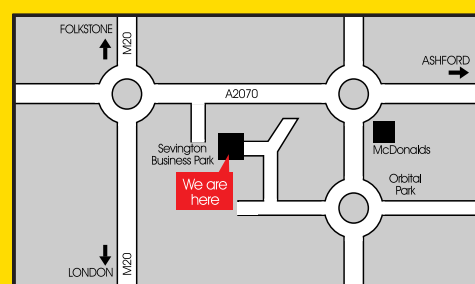
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QUESTION & ANSWER

JULIE O'NEILL



Q What is the Rare Breeds centre? What sort of work do you do there and how is it connected with the Canterbury Oast Trust?

A The Rare Breeds Centre is run by Canterbury Oast Trust, a Kent and East Sussex-based charity that provides home, care and occupational opportunities for over 120 disabled adults. I am the events manager at the centre, so my job includes working alongside the business manager, Nigel Collins, to promote the centre. I am responsible for all aspects of marketing for the attraction, function facilities, restaurant and various other enterprises that we operate.

I organise and market a large number of events throughout the year. Our key markets are families and schools throughout Kent and the centre attracts over 150 school visits each year. I am heavily involved in all aspects of the sales and marketing mix including advertising, PR, direct mail, telesales and various partnership marketing initiatives.

Q How long have you been connected with the Ashford area?

A I moved to the Ashford area from Whitstable in 1998 to work for a hotel chain, so I have been in Ashford for 10 years now

Q What do you like about the area?

A I really love the open countryside in and around the area, there are some wonderful places to visit, The Warren, Hothfield Common,

Wye Downs, and the art projects at King's Wood in Challock. In the summer, I'm kept busy in my spare time as Ashford holds some fantastic music events, which are well worth attending and they are mostly free.

Q What do you think of the changes that are happening to Ashford?

A The new County Square looks really exciting, but I'm worried that shops will move into the new centre and the town will suffer, premises will be vacant and then the concern will be that the town centre looks 'run down'. Putting the traffic lights on the roundabout at junction 10 was a huge mistake – it should have been left as it was without them – that's my opinion.

Q What are your favourite animals at the centre? Why do you like them so much?

A I try not to get attached to animals at the centre, but I do have a few favourites, there's Wendy – a Lincoln Longwool sheep who likes to think of herself as a spoilt pet rather than a farmyard animal. Billy – a pygmy goat, who'll happily come out on walks with us, again he's a bit spoilt and thinks he's more of a dog. And each Christmas we have reindeer – I love working with them.

Q Have you ever had any frightening or strange experiences with any of the animals at the centre?

A The most frightening experience for me was when one of the reindeer we hired for our Christmas event suddenly fled the grotto at

high speed and spent most of the day grazing in the field. I was the person responsible and, to be honest, was really worried for it's safety. It took a team of people and many hours to catch him. Our farm manager was the star of the day; his stealth movement caught the reindeer!

Q Have you always had an interest in animals?

A Yes, from a very young age I wanted to work with horses, however the pay isn't good and the hours are long. I have the best of both worlds here. I have a desk job, but am able to spend time with lots of different rare breed farm animals

Q Did you have any childhood heroes?

A Not so much childhood heroes – but in later life, I can really appreciate the work of Steve Irwin and, locally, John Aspinall.

Q What do you like about modern life? What do you dislike?

A Modern life is what society has made it. It's a world full of great inventions, like medicines that help prevent suffering and growing techniques that are used to produce food. Every age has its pluses and minuses, my main dislikes are that many people display no morals, no manners, no common courtesy and spare no thought for people around them or the planet they live on.

QA

Events manager, Julie O'Neill, at the perennially popular Rare Breeds Centre in Woodchurch, explains to Ed Hill her role there, her love of animals and some of the high-jinks which take place at the site

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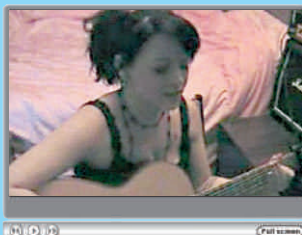
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Businessman Robin Hills talks about business success, doing National Service and a childhood in Ramsgate



Film-maker and youth football coach Ernie Brennan wants to change parents on the touchline. All parents should watch this



Roger de Haan was among those attending the opening of Folkestone University this month by Michael Howard

EDITOR'S CHOICE

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Brewery logs on to wi-fi technology

BY NICK AMES

A STRING of hotels across the county have become the latest to benefit from the wi-fi explosion.

Brewer Shepherd Neame has teamed up with BT Openzone to offer its customers the chance to log-on to the internet without needing to plug their machines into a phone socket.

And it is rolling out the wireless technology – which is automatically detected by built-in modems on laptops – to all 13 of its hotels in the county.

They include sites in Faversham, Canterbury, Ashford, Chatham, Deal, Broadstairs, Maidstone and Whitstable.

Technology

While the technology is not new – wi-fi is now widely deployed by business and residential users as an easy way for multiple computers to get online – the brewer hopes the technology will lure more people to stay at its hotels and then access details on local attractions and services. In addition it allows staff to log-on to help them in their daily duties.

Nigel Bunting, Shepherd Neame's retail director, said: "Having a comprehensive wi-fi network installed across Shepherd Neame hotels was an essential step forward for us."

"The service has been an instant hit, with staff and hotel guests alike. The wi-fi technology has streamlined the running of the hotel,

from reception through to the back office operations."

Wi-fi is a limited range technology ideal for use in locations such as homes or businesses.

For hotel guests, it means for a small fee they can log-on to BT Openzone and within seconds be surfing the web – and checking out sites such as our very own free broadband TV site, www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Chris Bruce, BT Openzone's general manager, added: "While we have many partnerships with big hotel brands, we are pleased to be working here in Kent with this niche chain."

"We know it is important for them to be able to provide wi-fi access to guests in today's connected market place."

Ring this number and help to foster

FOSTER care agency Family Matters are on the lookout across Kent to find people who want to look after and raise children.

The Folkestone-based agency – featured in this paper last week – is after suitable people from all walks of life to care for children after they lose their parents.

Unfortunately the number we printed last week was incorrect. The correct number to get in touch with the agency is 01303 210029.

Yourkenttv winners

THREE top videos shown on Yourkenttv have won cash prizes for their creators.

Talented Natalie Langley used the Prodigy song Under My Wheels as the soundtrack to a wild mix of stunning visuals and costumes to make Concrete Jungle.

Together with her creative partner Katie Fotis, she uses colour, graphics, effects and visuals to amazing effect.

Natalie won the KOS Media prize of £500 which was up for grabs when our broadband TV station was launched in September.

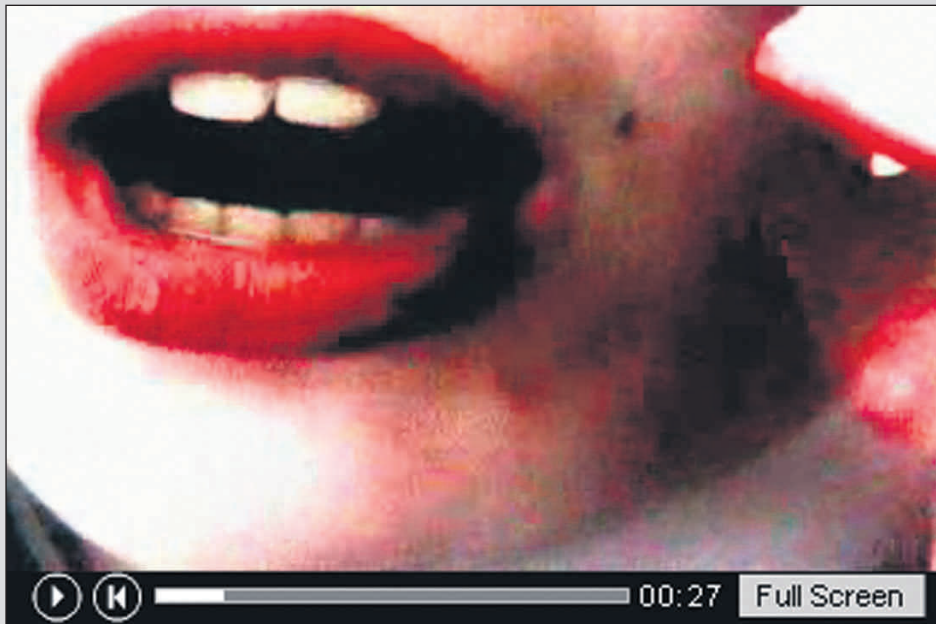
October's upload winner of £100 was Robert McMillan for his EmCee Flapjack

"music video" – the Biscuit Wrap – which has a suitable urban and gritty feel to complement street level sounds... apparently.

EmCee has continued to film and upload a series of music clips and become something of a cult figure on Yourkenttv.

November's £100 winner was Alexander Roscoe for his Sk8 Medway shoot. It saw the skateboarder performing tricks and stunts on a variety of objects from specially-created ramps and pipes, to a selection of street furniture and steps.

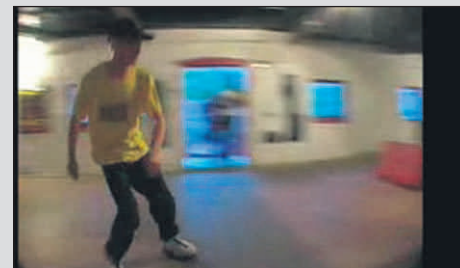
Congratulations to all three of our winners. Take a look at www.yourkenttv.co.uk.



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Young reporters make headlines at KOS Media

BY CHRIS BRITCHER

THE next generation of journalists proved they had what it takes when they came to the offices of this newspaper to see a newsroom in action.

Eleven pupils from St Nicholas School in New Romney – all members of the school's journalist club – came to KOS Media's headquarters to learn about how our papers are compiled and pick up tips on their future careers.

The youngsters, all from year six, got a guided tour of the newsroom, watched how a page is made-up and met some of our sales team.

They also gained a valuable insight into the life of a journalist from senior reporter Gareth Arnold who talked them through his busy week and explained how in this day and age he needs to be able to not just write stories but shoot video too.

And proving they had what it takes to make it in the media, they didn't hesitate to ask the all important questions; such as how much do reporters earn and what scares them?

Happy student Roxanne said: "I learnt that producing a newspaper is all about teamwork, and that everyone works to deadlines. I really enjoyed myself."

Classmate Skye added: "I had a great time and learned that if you work hard you can become an editor at a young age."

And fellow club member Georgia said: "There were lots of people in the office, I only expected there to be a few because you are not a national paper."

They learned about the launch of our award-winning sister paper Kent on Sunday and how our new midweek titles – launched in September – link in to an online offering and our free broadband TV site – www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

The club were accompanied by study sup-

port supervisors Carol Harvey and Irene Hills.

Mrs Hills said: "We all had a fantastic afternoon. We were extremely impressed by the friendly office staff and the willingness from all the staff to work with the children."

"We look forward to visiting again next year."

The club produce a regular newsletter on events at the school and the town, with all the stories written by the children.

They've even had a brush with the stars, interviewing screen legend Sir Donald Sinden,

who lives near Tenterden.

They also make regular trips to help their studies.

An upcoming jaunt will see them travel to London to visit the Houses of Parliament, while previous excursions have seen them given guided tours around the studios of the local BBC TV and radio stations.

You can see the ambitious youngsters being shown round the office online – simply click on to our online website www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

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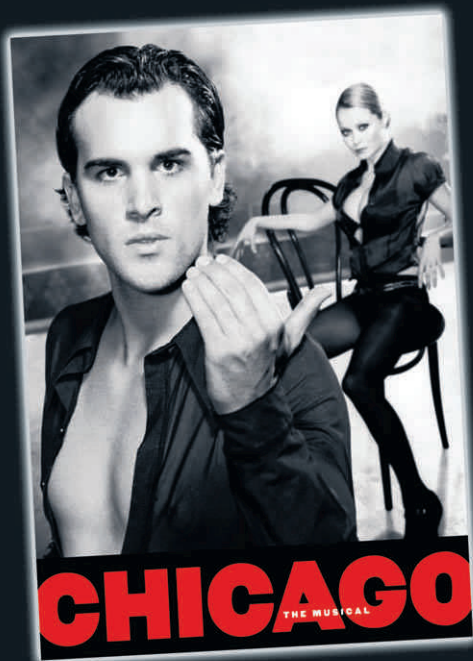


Click online to see St Nicholas School's visit to KOS Media



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Picture: GARETH ARNOLD



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Attractive female, 29, size 8-10, 5'8", long hair/blue eyes, enjoys gym, cinema, dancing, seeking honest, reliable male 27-38 with a GSOH, for friendship possible LTR. Box 410494

LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED
Caring, loving, affectionate female, 30, 5'2", blonde, likes walking, horse riding, animals, seeks affectionate male, 30-40, for lasting, loving relationship. Box 384013

RAMSGATE REVIVAL
Honest, single, outgoing female, 31, 5'11", loves to go out or stay in with good company, DVDs etc. WILTM similar male, for friendship and more. Box 927816

HOPING FOR MORE
32yr old kind, warm female, 5'6", cuddly build, love walking my dog, cosy nights in, evenings out, WILTM tall, honest, trustworthy male for friendship. Box 430393

NICE SMILE???

Single 36yr old female, like most things in life, very loving and caring, 5'5", cuddly build, good personality, seeking a gentle, considerate man. Box 431286

SEIZE THE DAY

Loving female, 36, 5ft4, brown hair, green eyes, likes socialising, staying in, country walks, bird watching, all music, looking for that special male for good times. Box 435619

NICE PERSONALITY
Large, bubbly lady, 37, 5'8", like country walks, seaside, bird watching, all music, looking for that special male for good times. Box 435619

PRETTY WOMAN WANTS HER RICHARD GERE
Hi I'm 37, 5ft8, mousey long hair, grey eyes, N/S, large bubbly lady, love pubs, country walks, bird watching, seeking kind, tactile, N/S gent, possibly romantic! Box 435674

DON'T PASS ME BY
Cute, single mum of 4, 3'8", Kent-based, into most things, looking for friendship or possibly romance. Box 897983

MISSING MALE COMPANY
Chatty female, 36, 5'4", single mum, blonde, slim, likes pubs, clubs, going out, having fun, seeks male, for fun nights out and giggles. Rochester. Box 372889

SPICE UP YOUR LIFE
Professional Asian lady, 30s very west-missed, fun-loving and GSOH, WILTM solvent, professional male with no ties for relationship. Box 435922

MAKE ME GIGGLE
Black female, 38 years old, 5ft2, likes going out, seeking a sociable male, who likes having a laugh. Gillingham. Box 429656

MUST HAVE GSOH AND BE ABLE TO COOK!

Down-to-earth, kind and caring, separated, strong-willed Scottish mum, 39, looking for fun, tactile, cute and considerate male who likes noise and chaos. Box 897191

SAMTIMES YOU NEED A MAN
Sammy, 40 (just!), single Mum of 4, independent, own house, hard-working, seeking loyal, happy-go-lucky (like me!), easygoing male for fun and maybe relationship. Box 435688

NOT FOOTBALL CRAZY
Divorced, affectionate lady, 40, large build, 5'6", love staying in, cinema, looking for a thoughtful male to share good things in life, leading to LTR. Box 430332

YOU'LL SMILE IF YOU DIAL
Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, pubs, clubs, WILTM a like-minded, caring male to share fun times with. Box 435102

BRING ME SUNSHINE
Easygoing, GSOH, outgoing easygoing friendly single mum, not much time for fun, enjoys films, music, motorbikes, history, visiting places of interest, spiritual places. Box 833533

STRIKE ME!
42, 5ft7, slim, down-to-earth, normal! love bowling, cinema, clubs, seeking a male 40-55 for friendship and more! Box 436163

HAPPY NATURE
42yr old outgoing female, 5'4", brown hair, green eyes, medium build, enjoy cinema, meals out, seeking a friendly male for nice times. Box 435451

TAKE A CHANCE
Hard-working female, 41, 5'4", bubbly, independent woman, love to laugh, socialising with friends, looking for independent man who values TLC. Box 414156

MEN ONLY, NO MICE!
I'm Jackie, 43, 5ft1, blue eyes brown hair, single Mum, love going out, reading, cycling, music, enjoy male company and seeking 27-45yr olds for companionship. Box 436076

FOOTBALL FANATIC
Deal-based lady, 43, divorced, brunette, green eyes, 5ft10, likes going out, pubs, clubs, cinema, shopping, walks, loves films and all sports except cricket. Box 430384

A FINE ROMANCE
Pleasant female, 43, medium/large build, blue/green eyes, grown up children, beach walks, relaxing, reading, wine, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974

FUNNY GIRL
Petite, blonde female, 50, GSOH, likes music, books, films, cooking, looking for romantic soulmate, 40-55, for TLC. Kent. Box 835181

LET ME BE THE 1
Pretty petite lady, 51, 5ft2, blonde hair, blue eyes, down to earth, happy go lucky, smart dresser, bright, talkative & looking for Mr Right. Box 903844

ARE YOU LONESOME TONIGHT?
Loyal, bubbly and affectionate, attractive lady, 51, dark hair, enjoy clubs, nights in, love animals, seeking a like-minded gent for happiness. Box 433585

ARE WE SOUL MATES?
53yr old bubbly lady, 6ft, like meals out, staying in, looking for caring man to share life's ups and downs. Box 435768

COUNTING ON YOU
Lonely, honest lady, 52, enjoy walks, cycling, travel, WILTM sociable gent to share interests and possibly leading to LTR. Box 399420

BEAUTIFUL DAY
54yr female, enjoys home life, going out, pubs, theatre, music, wishing to meet an understanding man, 45-60, to share the good and bad things in life. Box 435468

NOT ASKING FOR MUCH
Fun loving, bubbly, tactile lady, 50s, enjoys the good life, holidays and cosy nights in, I'm voluptuous & looking for a real man. Box 903560

TIME TO SETTLE DOWN

Romantic woman, 45, likes the good things in life, WILTM a special, good-looking man to complete the jigsaw. Box 434511

NICE AND LOVING
44yr old female, 5'5", brown hair, slim/medium build, enjoys pubs, clubs, if you are out there, give me a ring! Maidstone Box 413448

BE ORIGINAL!
Sincerity, honesty, and intelligence, is that just too much to ask for? With a hint of cheekiness, I'm 46 from the Maidstone area. Box 156956

DON'T PASS ME BY
Bubbly 40yr old female, enjoys beaches, music, eating in/out, own home/car, smoker, looking for honest man 44-55, who enjoys life. Box 823441

STIMULATING COMPANY
Bubbly, caring, single mum, 46, WILTM nice male, for good conversations, company, and maybe more. Box 396829

EASYGOING NATURE
Slim divorced woman, 48, dark brown shoulder length hair, hazel eyes, 5ft3. Seeks genuine, thoughtful male, 43-54, slim-medium build, about 5ft10 or above. Box 897419

AM I THE 1?
48yr old, 5'5", dark hair, hazel eyes, likes dancing, music, cinema, days/nights out, would like to share some good times & fun. Box 901027

ALL THAT I NEED
Young-looking, slim, attractive female, 48, fun-loving, outgoing, N/S, GSOH, love music, holidays, going out, staying in, seeks similar man, 42-50, Aylesford. Box 428833

READY TO START AGAIN
Hi, I'm Sue, 48, 5'2", dark hair/eyes, divorced, hard-working, WILTM compatible male, stocky build, for good times, possibly LTR. Box 432992

SHE'S THE ONE!
Young-at-heart female, 48, medium build, 5ft2, dark hair, blue eyes, GSOH, very active, likes clubs and dining out, seeks someone similar. Box 435098

DIG DEEPER
Genuine, friendly female, 49, likes walks, gardening, nights in/out, seeking genuine, friendly male, 45-55. Dover Box 435441

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Loving and loyal 49yr old female, GSOH, enjoys walking, countryside, cinema, theatre, pubs, restaurants, music, travel, seeks sincere and loving male between 48-56 for friendship. Box 909974

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STARTING OVER

Divorced lady, youthful 56, N/S, 5'3", green eyes, brown hair, medium build, GSOH, I like eating out, cinema, driving, music, holidays, seeking friendship, see what develops. Box 897592

I DREAM OF DOMESTICITY!
Attractive, homely, caring 55yr old lady, 5'2", slim/medium build, GSOH, good conversationalist, looking for special person to share life's ups and downs with. Faversham. Box 406928

SAVING ALL MY LOVE
Young, 57yr old modern female widow, slim, enjoys nights in/out, socialising, seeking honest, reliable man for friendship, love, affection and TLC. Box 920739

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Happy-go-lucky female, 57, likes nice walks, pubs/clubs, quite nights in, loves children and animals, seeking an honest, caring man Box 435308

LIKES THE NICE THINGS IN LIFE
Divorced female, 50s, 5ft4, own home, great job and friends, likes to keep fit, hobbies include shopping, cooking, dining out, theatre/cinema, holidays, seeking friendship and more Box 434901

THE NEW BRUNETTE
Brunette female, 59, N/S, 5ft5, hazel eyes, slim/medium build, enjoys meals out, occasional drinks, gardening, music, keeping fit, days out at the coast, seeking friendship/more. Box 434895

A MILLION TO ONE
Spiritually minded, slim lady, young 58yrs, looking for someone special to enjoy the normal things in life with, are there any gentlemen left? Box 907723

REAL MAN
36-year-old honest, kind, caring male, blond, 6ft, like walks, cinema, nights in/out, enjoy family life, WILTM like-minded, genuine female. Box 430440

GET UP AND GO
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If mixing with the Royals and money floats your boat

IT'S not often that I mix with the top ranks of society, let alone the aristocracy, but last week I found myself next to a royal.

I did once see the Queen. It was at the Kent Show circa 1985. Well, when I say I 'saw' the Queen, what I actually saw was a lime green pastel-coloured hat bobbing above the crowd in front of me. Everyone seemed very pleased to see the hat from what I could make out.

But last week I was actually close enough to practically shake one by the hand. I was at the London Boat Show when this life-changing event happened; haggling with a man over the price of a replacement plastic handle for a self-pumping toilet. Suddenly, I became aware of a large aggressive looking man with a walkie-talkie waving at me.

I was a bit slow on the uptake as to what was going on. I suddenly saw a gaggle of photographers clicking away. Then not far in the distance I saw a familiar outline. It was Princess Anne. I think I should refer to her as the

Princess Royal – although I have never understood that title. I mean what else can a Princess be?

Anyway, as the Royal party rushed by she did in fact look at me. However, she didn't stop to chat. It was probably due to the vacant "I've seen you on the telly, haven't I?" look on my face. The Wilkinson's bag didn't help much either. It's not a shop I imagine she often finds herself in. Although everyone loves a bargain.

And that was it, in a moment she was gone and a load of us were all there looking bemused, saying to each other, "was that Princess Anne?". Soon I was back involved with the more important business; the joys of self-propelled plumbing.

The Boat Show itself was much the same as it always is. I hadn't been for about seven years but little changes. There are huge motor-boats and beautiful yachts for sale, none of which I will ever be able to afford unless my lottery numbers come up. There's the same look of disdain from the salesman as you step on to their gleaming boats. They know you will never be able to buy one of these vessels, and I

know it too, but I have a look around just to see how the other half lives. On the posher boats you can't just get on. They make you book an appointment to keep the riff-raff away.

These days there are only four types of people who can afford anything bigger than a pedal.

There's the City boys who want to spend their huge bonus on something the chaps can race on for the summer on the Solent. They usually have it for a year and then forget about it.

There's the guys who have made a killing selling scrap metal to the Chinese and shady-looking Russian businessmen with large companions and bundles of Roubles who "want biggest boat".

The final group is perhaps the most fascinating. They're the little old men who suddenly seem to have come into a load of cash from the wife's life insurance. I always wonder if the passing on was entirely from natural causes. Or maybe I'm just jealous.

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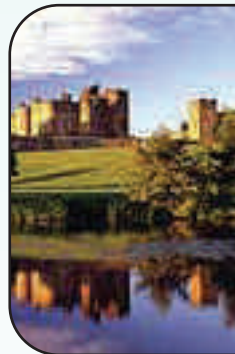


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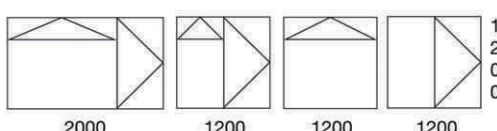
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Norfolkline and KOS Media are inviting all primary schools throughout the county to enter.

Entries can be sent in either as a school group, school children independently, but sent in with a counter signature by the form teacher. Three suggestions of names are permitted per entry.

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TALK TIME

CLIFF WILLIAMS

Cliff Williams, owner of music and instrument store Sharon Music in the High Street, discusses his background and views on the town



How did you get into music?

I was learning how to play the guitar and I went into the Sharon Music shop in Maidstone. I was sixteen years old and I spent a lot of time in there looking at the instruments. I offered to help them tune a guitar and ended up selling it to another customer. Two days later they gave me a job. Instruments have become more affordable now. In 1976 the cheapest drum set was £250 which was 10 weeks of my wages. Nowadays you can get a better kit for £230.

We are a full service shop. Not only do we sell instruments but we also teach here as well. Some customers who may not be the best players love to buy a beautiful new guitar just because they love it as an object. No two instruments are quite the same.

What do you think about the town?

It's difficult at the moment because I feel a lot of the local landlords charge business rates for what Ashford will be in the future rather than what it is at the moment. The town is undergoing a lot of upheaval with the ring road and extension to County Square. The retailers are going through the pain of those changes.

Ashford has always needed a big anchor store such as Debenhams. I do know of people who have moved into some of the new estates such as Park Farm three years ago who have only been into the town centre two or three times. Hopefully, that will change when the extension to County Square opens.

What's the music scene like in Ashford?

I think it is pretty vibrant. One of my daughters plays in a local band. They do gigs at the Downtown Diner. There's always a lot of interest for local bands.

Nowadays I don't listen to much music. I think because I have worked in a music shop for 32 years now I have heard enough. I'd rather be at home gardening.

YOUR LETTERS



Where was the town's own police?

Your coverage of the death of the unfortunate young lady Rachel Cheesewright surely begs the question why it should be necessary for police to be speeding from Ashford to a "domestic incident" in Tenterden? Is Tenterden not worthy of having a resident police presence?

John Hinchliffe
Ivychurch

Tragic death should lead to changes

I for one applaud the efforts of Rachel Cheesewright's family to continue their campaign following her tragic death.

Exactly how the police can justify travelling at such speeds on country lanes I struggle to understand.



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Not only is there the danger of unfortunate motorists turning out into the road - as was the case with Miss Cheesewright - surely there could be any number of dangers lurking around

each corner?

And when you travel at 100mph, however well-trained and experienced you are, you're going to struggle to respond if someone or something dares to

get in your way.

I only hope Rachel's tragic death will lead to a fundamental change in the way police respond to future call-outs.

Chris Wren
Via email

Training of police drivers is at fault

While it goes without saying the death of Rachel Cheesewright was an absolute tragedy, surely the police must be able to attend emergency situations as fast as possible?

It seems to me, the real issue is on the training of officers so they can drive quickly but safely, rather than just expecting them to stick to speed limits.

Having driven down the road where the accident happened on many, many occasions, to hurtle down it at such speeds seems daft. Particularly, considering the time it would take to get to the incident would be maybe a minute or two earlier and no more. Perhaps the police should be made aware of that in their training?

J King
Tenterden

Don't lose sight of the good police do

I felt great sorrow over the death of Rachel Cheesewright but I think we do need to heed the verdict of the jury at the coroner's hearing. Namely, that it was a tragic accident.

People do not die on our roads everyday because of high-speed police cars yet hundreds everyday benefit from the intervention of officers in emergency situations.

I think we should not lose sight of that, although obviously I hope

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lessons are learned from this terrible tragedy.

K Sawyer
Willesborough



Missing our former winter wonderlands

Last week's blog asked a very good question – whatever happened to proper winters?

Snow was one of the great delights of my childhood as well. It was great to have days off school and even attending classes was so much more fun when the playground was covered in snow.

It seemed to put everyone in such a good mood, at least while it was "deep and crisp and even" and wasn't just mucky slush.

I know we have had some good summers in recent years – now we need real winters as well.

Mike Peters
Via email

Mild winter trade off for miserable summers

Has your blogger lived in Ashford

very long? Just a few years ago we had a week of snow which ground the town to a halt.

Admittedly, it is not a regular occurrence anymore, but surely the trade off of mild winters, takes the sting out of the fact our summers have been miserable affairs?

Barbara Finnes
Via email



Nurses get good pay for what they do

I was amazed and disgusted to read the letter from Linda Damon the Marie Curie nurse.

I am also a nurse and worked both Christmas and New Year, but I don't look for or want a pat on the back for it!

It is part of the job, we knew that when we took it.

We do it for the patients and for the VERY good pay and holidays we all get.

And don't cry that nurses are poorly paid, you tell me anywhere else you can get the pay we get.

Yes I imagine you should be grateful to Asda, but they would have been better donating those gifts to the patients who probably could

have used/needed them more than the nurses.

Stewart May
By email

Is there a school for wannabe politicians?

While I was watching the Meridian news last Monday, the leader of Kent County Council was asked by the presenter, after he was telling her the council had to make savings to meet a shortfall in the finances for the coming year, "where are you going to make the cuts to meet this?"

In true politician style he raised his voice and went on about the savings they had made over the last three years, completely evading the question that she put to him.

And, of course, not saying how many places needed by the people they had ruthlessly shut down during this period to get this saving.

This raised a thought in my mind. Is there a special school, college or university that all budding politicians and council leaders have to attend to gain their degree in the art of evasion and making promises that they have no intention of keeping?

How to line their own pockets at the expense of the rate-payers by giving themselves extortionate salaries, bonuses and trips here there and everywhere, paid for out of the money raised by depriving the poor?

If there is such a school I bet the principal is a direct descendent of the Sheriff of Nottingham who also had little time for the health or safety of his constituents.

Russell Mackinnon
Via email

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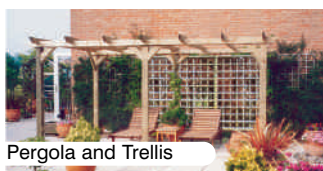


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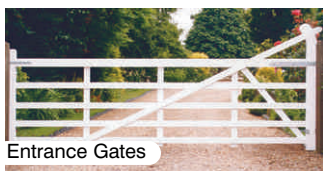


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STILL GOING STRONG: After countless line-up changes, Fairport Convention will be playing in Kent when they celebrate their 40th anniversary

Back on the road again

Folk legends mark milestone with tour

CELEBRATE the 40th anniversary of a music legend when Fairport Convention arrives in Kent.

The band has attracted a huge fan base during its four decades in the business, as well as developing the world famous music festival at Cropredy. The line-up features founder member Simon Nicol on guitar and vocals, bassist Dave Pegg, Chris Leslie on fiddle, mandolin and vocals, violinist Ric Sanders and drummer Gerry Conway.

Over the years there have been many line-up changes, break-ups, reunions and even tragedy, as well as some unforgettable music.

The band began as a four-piece in 1967, which rehearsed at the family home of guitarist Simon Nicol. The house in North London was called Fairport, which inspired the name.

The first line-up lasted for just one gig in a church hall. When a young drummer, Martin Lamble, saw them perform, he decided he could do a much better job and took over the role from Shaun Frater.

Recruiting a female singer, Judy Dyble, helped the band stand out and, after playing at a number of underground venues, they were soon signed up to Island Records. With the addition of an extra male vocalist, the self-titled debut album was released by the end of 1967.

Things were going well, with the



FAIRPORT CONVENTION

Saturday, February 2

Assembly Hall Theatre, Tunbridge Wells



band on the brink of inventing the new genre of folkrock. A French language version of Bob Dylan's If You Gotta Go just missed out on a Top 20 chart slot, but it did lead to an appearance on Top of the Pops.

Then tragedy struck when the band's van crashed, killing Lamble and Jeannie Franklyn, the girlfriend of guitarist Richard Thompson. The devastated survivors almost gave up, but eventually they went back to the studio and recorded the classic album Liege And Lief in 1969.

During the 70s, there were a bewildering number of line-up changes and by the time the group stabilised, Fairport found itself without a record deal.

A farewell tour was staged and the

final outdoor concert was held in the Oxfordshire village of Cropredy, where bass guitarist Dave Pegg lived. The following year, they performed a reunion concert at the same spot and the festival was born.

There were more line-up changes during the 80s and 90s and for a while there were two versions of Fairport running in parallel. But the 21st century has seen a stable and successful band, enjoying popular tours and some new albums released.

Fairport Convention was given the Lifetime Achievement gong at the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards in 2002, while album Liege And Lief was voted the best folk album ever. It also won a Gold Disc in 2006 for its continuing sales.

The performance starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £18/£17. Call the box office on 01892 530613/532072 or see www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk.



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RAINBOW LIVE! ZIPPY SUPERSTAR DJ

Friday, February 21
Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone

CHILDREN'S favourite Zippy gets a taste of musical stardom in the new Rainbow Live! show.

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With lots of sing-along songs, games and plenty of humour, Zippy Superstar DJ is fantastic entertainment for children aged three and above.

Rainbow was first screened in 1972 and finished 20 years later, but there



STEWBOSS

Monday, February 4
Zebra Bar, Maidstone

ONE of California's busiest bands is back in town next week, thanks to Maverick @Zebra Bar.

Stewboss played to a sold-out crowd when they last visited Maidstone 18 months ago and the expectations are high for the latest tour.

Heavily influenced by Bruce Springsteen, the band is no tribute act and the spir-

its of the Rolling Stones and Counting Crows are also embraced in the Stewboss sound.

Lead singer Gregg Sarfaty's powerful lyrics comment poetically on the folly of love and all the troubles it can bring. Billed as "American trailer park philosophy at its powerful best", the West Coast country-rock, New Jersey roots-rock is all wrapped up in a great musical stew.

Special guests Dead Rock West are not just into coun-

try and folk influences. With dashes of garage, power pop jangle and rock 'n' roll, there is plenty to keep music fans interested.

The quality of the vocal harmonies, with Cindy Wasserman and singer/guitarist Frank Lee Drennan's voices blending seamlessly, is the band's secret weapon.

The gig starts at 8pm and tickets cost £10 on the night or £8 in advance. Book your ticket in person at the Zebra Bar in King Street or call 01622 744481.

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Award-winning pianist goes back to school

ASHFORD Music Society presents pianist Evelina Piziate in concert on Monday.

Born and educated in Lithuania, she has won many prizes in international competitions, including first in the 1997 Rubenstein Piano Competition in Paris.

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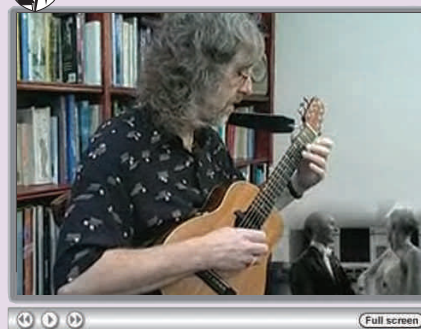
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Depp's demon performance

BY BEN FALK

"I'll admit it – I have shaved a grown man before," laughs Johnny Depp, who lathers his customers before slitting their throats as the eponymous murderer in new musical Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber Of Fleet Street which hit the big screen on Friday.

"He is alive," says Johnny of his 'client'. "He's walking round to this day."

The movie – for which he has just scooped a Best Actor Golden Globe and last week an Oscar nomination for the same award – provided a new challenge for the 44-year-old, whose chameleon-like ability to slip into any character and make him original is legendary. But Sweeney Todd wasn't about mere acting.

"I had never sung a song," reveals Johnny, who used to play guitar in an 80s band called The Kids.

"I was the guy who would come in and sing the harmony, very quickly. It would be all of three seconds and then I was out."

However, he admits that music was always his first love. "I wanted to be a rock star," he says. "I didn't even think about acting. I was a musician for years before I did a movie."

So when long-time collaborator Tim Burton came along asking him to take on Sweeney – based on the famously-intricate Stephen Sondheim stage musical – Johnny decided to participate in his own mini-X Factor.

He called ex-bandmate chum Bruce Witkin and went into the studio to record one of the film's songs, on the proviso that Witkin told him truthfully if he had the vocal ability to pull off the entire movie.

Witkin remembers: "I said 'Do you want the good news or the bad news?' Johnny said,

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'Well, give me the bad news'. And I said, 'The bad news is you're going to have to do this'."

Johnny signed up, playing the doomed anti-hero who turns to murder after his family is stolen from him and he is unjustly imprisoned for 15 years. He is joined by Helena Bonham Carter as his accomplice Mrs Lovett, the lady who comes up with the plan to dispose of the dead bodies by turning them into delicious pies. The rest of the cast includes Alan Rickman as baddie Judge Turpin and Timothy Spall as the evil Beadle Bamford.

"Sweeney's obviously a dark figure," explains Johnny. "But I think hyper-sensitive. He has experienced something very traumatic, a grave injustice and I always saw him as a victim. Anyone who is victimised and then becomes a murderer can't be all there."

Complete with gothic wardrobe and bouffant locks highlighted by a shocking streak of white, the actor ends up sounding pretty good.



CHAMELEON: Johnny Depp has landed an Oscar nomination as best actor for his role in Sweeney Todd

Johnny says Sweeney and his Cockney brogue is not based on anyone in particular. The voice, he says, comes "just from spending time over in Britain".

The UK is now only a short hop from his base in France, where he lives with his two children and girlfriend Vanessa Paradis. "I don't hang out with anybody who is famous," he says of his laid-back Gallic existence. "I don't know who is rich or poor or successful and it feels good."

Indeed, he manages to pretty much stay out of the tabloids, relishing his family time.

"I just want to spend as much time with my kids as possible," he says. "Doing simple things like going out to the trampoline and swing set, or just looking in the garden to see how the tomatoes are doing – old man stuff."



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BY GABRIELLE FAGAN

IMAGINE flying thousands of miles to escape the hassles of normal life and commune with nature in the raw – and ending up instead with noisy neighbours.

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That's exactly what I got on safari in Kenya. For two nights outside my tent in the middle of the bush, starting with the regularity of clockwork at 3am I could hear obscene grunts and panting, and heavy bodies lurching about.

A nightmare? No, a dream come true and rather than pulling the duvet over my head and cursing I watched the outrageous antics from the safety of my tent window.

That was because the creatures aping the behaviour of the worst kind of 'chavs' abroad were hippos.

Fat, noisy beasts whose hygiene leaves a lot to be desired – their idea of a spa break is basking in thick mud on the side of the river bank – were frolicking only a few feet away.

Being so close to them was just one of the magical moments on an adventure in the heart of one of the most spectacular game reserves in the world, the Masai Mara in Kenya.

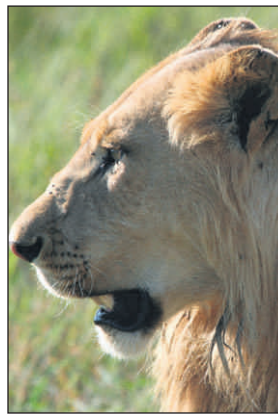
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For the first two nights we camped at Governor's Il Moran on the banks of the River Mara in a huge tent with reassuringly solid



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Safari so good

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Time and again our guide took us almost within touching distance of the game.

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Later, our superb three-course dinners in the open air were enlivened by the musical accompaniment of the noises of the bush – croaking bullfrogs, crickets and the far-off cries of hyena.

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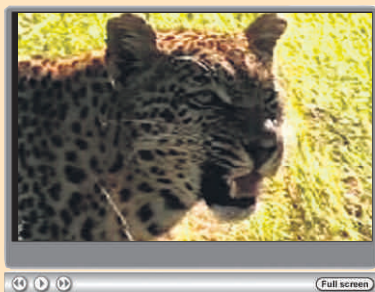
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PICK OF THE WEEKEND

BBC one

SATURDAY: CASUALTY (8.25pm): Long-running hospital drama sees Ruth hit a crisis after she makes a mistake and the team find out.

SUNDAY: A QUESTION OF SPORT (7pm): Ryan Sidebottom, James McFadden, Jessica Ennis and Sean Long line up alongside Matt Dawson and Colin Jackson.

BBC TWO

SATURDAY: TEN POUND POMS (8.10PM): Fascinating look at the stories behind those who emigrated to Australia under the Assisted Passage Scheme – some of which resulted in life-long happiness, for others despair.

SUNDAY: AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 GARDENS (9PM): Monty Don visits Australia and New Zealand in a jaunt to find the most inspiring gardens.

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SATURDAY: PRIMEVAL (7pm): Sinister creatures from the future emerge as the team investigate a missing teenage boy, dragged into a flooded drain.

SUNDAY: KINGDOM (9.15PM): Stephen Fry stars in this gentle drama. With his brother Simon now returned, he quickly proves a handful as he embarks on an affair with the wife of the cricket team's captain.

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SATURDAY: GRAND DESIGNS (7.15pm): The new series continues as it follows householders on a mission to re-design and re-decorate their homes.

SUNDAY: TIME TEAM (5.50PM): Tony Robinson presents the archaeological show which today investigates some Roman remains discovered in the Cambridgeshire town of Stilton.

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SATURDAY: NEVERENDING STORY III: RETURN TO FANTASIA (4.45pm): Third instalment in the popular children's fantasy saga sees a youngster being bullied take refuge in the school library – only to find a book that magically transports him to the world of Fantasia.

SUNDAY: LORDS OF DOGTOWN (7pm): Movie drama examining the rise and fall of the skateboarding craze which gripped California in the 1970s and catapulted its stars into the international arena.

Amanda judges time is right to get out of Africa

■ BY BEN FALK

LAST time we heard about Amanda Holden, the actress had discovered a dead body in the woods while she was out on a run.

It was in November and the star was out for a jog with her personal trainer when they happened across an unfortunate soul who had hanged himself from a tree.

"Can I just say, when I found the dead body, the papers said I was 39 and I'm 36!" she says. "I was more traumatised by the fact they got my age wrong than the fact I found a stiff."

"I'm so terrible, because obviously someone did lose their loved one and I don't mean to be flippant."

"I did say I could take over from Amanda Burton in Silent Witness now, because I wasn't fazed by it, purely because I didn't think it was real."

"It was awful, but not as traumatising as it could have been."

At the moment she is in gruelling training for this year's London Marathon. "I won't be like Jade Goody," she reveals. "I am training three or four times a week. I'm knackered. I went out this morning. It's good though, because you can eat loads of cake."

It's a typical Amanda response – self-deprecating, witty, honest.

Whatever you may think of her past tabloid travails (though that stuff has all settled down now she is happily ensconced with beau Chris Hughes and baby Lexi), she's never less than cheerily candid, an increasing rarity amongst celebs.

That's why she has to actively stop herself when asked about her exit from Wild At Heart, the third series of which is now under way on ITV1.



WILD AT HEART: Amanda Holden is set to bid farewell to co-star Stephen Tompkinson in the hit ITV1 drama

"I can't discuss the ending," she giggles. "I keep getting into trouble for giving it away."

Amanda plays vet's wife Sarah in the show, who along with husband Danny (Stephen Tompkinson) has made a new life for herself on a nature reserve in Africa. A warm and cuddly weekend drama, the end of her contract meant an important decision, though not, it turns out, a difficult one.

"To be honest, it wasn't," she admits. "Lexi is nearly two now and it got to the point where I couldn't take her out of the country for six months of the year. It's not fair on my family, it's not really fair on her."

"She was a babe in arms last year, so I had her on set all the time. But she's inherited the noisy gene from her mother and she's not really quiet on set, so we both got told off a lot for speaking. She's walking around and there's a lot of poo and creepy-crawlies, so it's not really the best environment for her."

Nonetheless, shooting her final scenes ended up being one of Amanda's best experiences working on the show.

"It was brilliantly exciting, because it's all very action-packed. I felt like GI Jane, because it was physical and with lots of screaming," she explains.

"It was an emotional day, but it passed and the people that I loved there I'll stay in contact with, so I haven't lost anything really."

Is there a chance she will come back? "I did have lunch with the producer who is trying to make me come back!" she laughs. "So that's all I'll say. He can't afford me. Now I'm working for the Cowell, my expectations are high."

She confirms she is back alongside Simon Cowell as a judge for the next series of Britain's Got Talent, which is set to begin filming this month and transmit later in the year.

"I'm loving the light entertainment side of things at the moment," she says. "We start filming for three months, going round the country, auditioning."

That said, she is only signing up for one series at a time, partly so that she can try and combine it with acting and her home life (she reveals that 2008 "will be" the year she finally gets married) and partly so she can focus her energy on the Marathon, which she is doing on behalf of the Born Free Foundation, of which she is a patron.

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THIS week the music page is brought to you by the letter B, specifically Graham B, who has uploaded his latest musical recommendation.

The track-suited taste maker explains how his auditory choices are limited by the fact he earns £5.50 an hour, but this doesn't stop him going absolutely mental to an early 90s remix of Sesame Street.

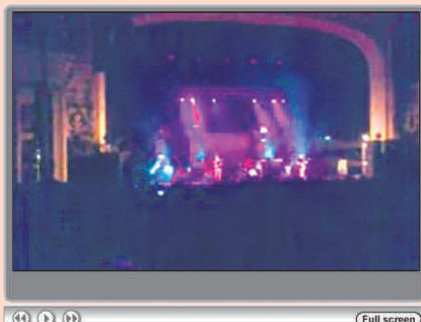
We hope to hear more of Graham's favourites over the coming weeks.

Also gracing Yourkenttv this week is My Last Mistake's tour diary. The Maidstone duo perform a stripped down version of a new song from what may be the bedroom of a Travel Lodge.

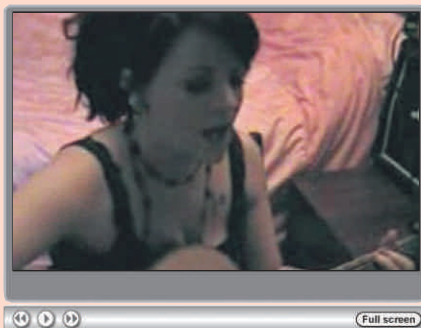
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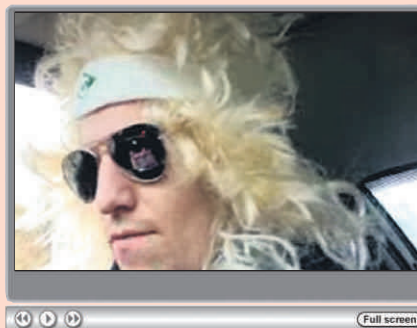


LIVE: Every week, Maidstone's My Last Mistake will be posting a new live performance of one of their songs. Check out their MySpace page www.myspace.com/mylastmistakeUK.

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REUNION: Carter the Unstoppable Sex Machine, or Carter USM for short, performed at the Brixton Academy at a reunion gig late last year. Don't watch if you have epilepsy.



OUR OWN JIMMY SAVILLE: He has the tracksuits, the headband and the questionable taste in music... Could Graham B be the Jimmy Saville for the new millennium?



SHADY: Indie band Hazy Shade perform their song Full Circle on TV show Lads' Night Inn. We haven't seen the show either, but check out the band at www.myspace.com/hazyshadeband.



ANTHEM: Pop rock band D-Finitive on stage at Ashford's Festival in the Park last year performing Elmo Anthem. Another reference to Sesame Street? What is going on?

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YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 19)

IT'S better to trust your intuition than consult with friends. This will be a little scary at first, but it will also prove rewarding. Keep your thoughts to yourself between now and mid-February. A romance that fell by the wayside could come roaring back to life again in February.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



TAURUS (Apr 21-May 21)

YOUR religious, political, or philosophical beliefs are about to undergo a serious overhaul. You're starting to question the ideals with which you were raised. Talks with your boss could prove unproductive. The two of you will be working at cross purposes over the next three weeks.

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LEO (Jul 24-Aug 23)

DAILY life is about to undergo a transformation. Although this will force you to relinquish mainstream society, it will benefit you. It may be time to reconsider certain arrangements. You've been doing the lion's share of the work lately. Move to adjust the balance of a relationship.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



SCORPIO (Oct 24-Nov 22)

YOU could be trusted with secret information over the next few days. It's important to stay silent about these matters. Don't make any decisions regarding moving for the next three weeks, unless you plan to renew an existing lease. Be assertive in a relationship. You won't be sorry.

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PISCES (Feb 20-Mar 20)

YOUR personal objectives are very different from what they were a few months ago. Career goals are less important than close relationships. Getting closer to your nearest and dearest gives you a profound sense of contentment. Move forward with a stalled domestic project.

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GEMINI (May 22-Jun 22)

A NEW interest could take you down some interesting paths over the next few years. Finding sexual fulfilment will become another top priority. A political or religious figure could prompt you to revise your ideas about a philosophical matter and inspire you to challenge the status quo.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sep 23)

AN overwhelming desire for romance and creativity could prompt you to make changes. There's no need to rush into anything; you should lay your plans with care and consider all the ins and outs of what you have in mind as they are bound to affect those nearest to you.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Virgo** 09067-531757



SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)

YOU'LL need to be more resourceful regarding money. Cash won't come in as easily as it has during the past few years. That's fine; you're not wasteful by nature. Still, this would be a good time to explore ways to adopt more environmentally-friendly ways.

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ARIES (Mar 21-Apr 20)

AN increased need to succeed could prompt you to work harder and develop your leadership skills. Certain friendships will undergo changes between now and mid-February. Wasting time on people who don't have your best interests at heart is becoming a bit of a bore.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aries** 09067-531752



CANCER (Jun 23-Jul 23)

POWER struggles can emerge in close relationships. You're no longer willing to take a back seat. Similarly, people who feel they have been overshadowed by you will challenge your authority. Although it will be difficult to change these partnerships, this shift will prove rewarding.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



LIBRA (Sep 24-Oct 23)

IT'S time to break away from a restrictive emotional bond. You won't have to relinquish relationships altogether. You just need to claim a measure of independence. A lost love could return. Before you revert to old ways, sit and talk. You'll soon see very little has changed.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Libra** 09067-531758



CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)

YOUR self image will undergo a radical change over the next few years. It may be necessary to alter your budget a bit. Cutting back on expensive luxuries will enable you to work less and play more. This is a good week to begin a brisk exercise regimen.

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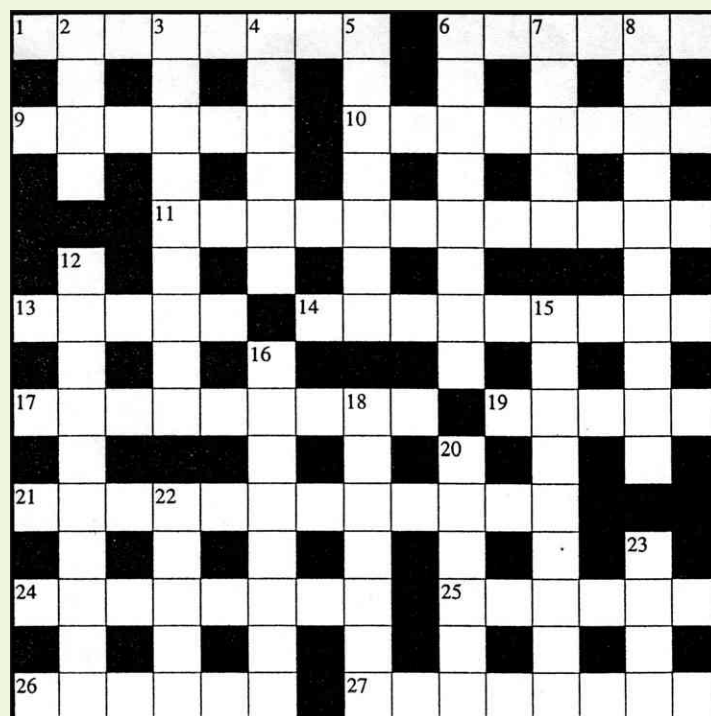
ACROSS

- 1 Literally it is inspired when lively (8)
6 Yellow church, capital (6)
9 Shutter (6)
10 Holiness of another saint going round court with young beginner (8)
11 Back command to start at the other end (7,5)
13 Buffalo is in good French surroundings (5)
14 In an unfailing way of course (9)
17 Worship a tandoori recipe (9)
19 Exhausted writer gets in the way (5)
21 He studies underground movements (12)
24 Gives our revised version that is injurious (8)
25 Understand revolutionary will become furious (3,3)
26 Idiot went round one lake being faintly illuminated (6)
27 Signify period concurrently (8)

DOWN

- 2 Fortune made by carpet manufacturer (4)
3 Lake formed when river rose dangerously (9)
4 The right quartet inside flourish (6)
5 Merit of French comic verse (7)
6 Harmony, nothing else, in musical composition (8)
7 Revolutionary palindrome (5)
8 Not Dad's native country? (10)
12 Moderately intellectual in second line below the centre (10)
15 I'm one undergoing treatment and not willing to wait (9)
16 Was very conspicuous and refused to yield (5,3)
18 No positive amount coming from furry beast (7)
20 Seat is adjusted for afternoon nap (6)
22 Charming time? (5)
23 Some proper method in producing hairdo (4)

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QUICK CLUES

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- 1 Break in a journey (8)
6 Boil (6)
9 Of the stars (6)
10 Thin film (8)
11 Pay (12)
13 Bow-legged (5)
14 Timer (9)
17 Part of speech (9)
19 Impure quartz (5)
21 Joblessness (12)
24 Retaliatory (8)
25 Entice (4,2)
26 Eerie (6)
27 Long-winded (8)

DOWN

- 2 Shot (anag.) (4)
3 Game-bird (9)
4 Loudness (6)
5 Cameron (anag.) (7)
6 Brown sugar (8)
7 Sign of omission (5)
8 Compliance (10)
12 No runs scored off six balls (6,4)
15 Evening (9)
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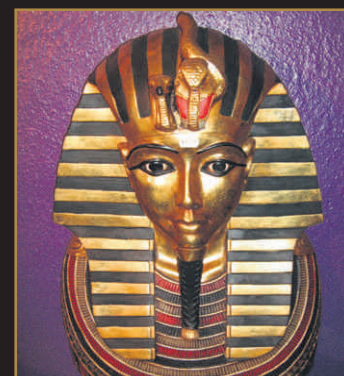
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QUICK SOLUTIONS No21

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BIRTHS

BENEDICT- EVANS

Joshua David born on 6th December 2007, weighing 7lb 8oz. Son to Matthew and Helena in Ramsgate.

BOND

Oliver Peter Frederick Bond born on 10th January 2008, weighing 7lb 12oz. Son to Ian and Sarah Bond, and brother to Grace, in Staplehurst.

BOYNTON

Zoe and Will Boynton of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Cadan Rhys Boynton on 13th January 2008.

CALLOW

Ruby Sue Callow born on 16th January 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 5lb 15oz. Daughter to Tom and Lisa.

CHADWICK

Billy Ray Chadwick born on 8th January 2008, weighing 6lb 10oz. Son to Dean Chadwick and Amy Bates in Maidstone.

COX

Tiana Rose born on 15th January 2008, weighing 9lbs 7oz. Daughter to Gordon and Christina in Ramsgate.

DRYDEN

Finley Charles born on 23rd December 2007, weighing 7lb 1oz. Son to Garry and Racheal in Margate.

FAIRBURN

Daniel and Louisa of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Charlie Fairburn. Born on the 22nd December 2007 weighing 8lb 10oz at Maidstone Hospital.

FLETCHER

Colin and Alanna Fletcher of Sittingbourne celebrate the birth of their son Thomas Andrew on 5th January 2008.

HARPER

James and Anna Harper of Paddock Wood are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Madeleine Jo Harper, weighing 6lb 7oz, on 8th January 2008.

HOWARD

Annika and Mark of Whitstable are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby girl Elva, born on 7th December 2007.

HUMPHREY

Keelan Humphrey born on 13th January 2008, weighing 5lb 15oz. Son to Gareth and Hayley of Tunbridge Wells.

HUYTON

Zac Dylan born on the 19th December 2007 weighing 4lb 6oz. Son to Gareth and Melanie of Lydd, brother to Kaitlin.

ILES

Steve and Sally of Chartham are very pleased and proud to announce the birth of their son, Logan Sebastian Iles, on 19th December 2007. A new baby brother for Hannah, Luke, Ethan and Holly.

JANES

Logan Marshall born on 28th December 2007, weighing 8lb 3oz. Son to Zak Smith and Megan Janes in Herne Bay. Mummy and Daddys special little angel.

JOHNSON

Romeo Anthony David born on 8th January 2008, weighing 7lb 12oz. Son to Kim and Anthony in Ramsgate. Nephew to Gabrielle, Michael, Donna, Shaun, Brenden and Glenn.

KIMBER

Marilyn and Derrick Kimber of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their daughter Natasha Kathleen on 8th January 2008.

KNOWLES

Melody and Gareth Knowles celebrate the birth of their son Benjamin Victor Knowles on the 6th January 2008, brother to Aidan.

LAMPORT

Lucy Hickey and Andrew Lamport of Maidstone celebrate the birth of their son Bradley Christopher Lamport on 14th January 2008.

LASKEY

Donna and Mike Laskey of Cliftonville celebrate the birth of their son Thomas Daniel on 10th January 2008.

LEVESCONTE

Micky and Sam are proud to announce the arrival of their beautiful daughter Brooke Levesconte born on 18th January 2008 at 12.12am weighing 7lb 13oz.

NEAL

Jack George Neal born on 20th December 2007, weighing 6lb 1oz. Son to Jamie and Sarah in Aylesford.

RELF

Darrel and Danni are pleased to announce the birth of their son "Louis Michael Alan Relf" Born 08th January 2008, weighing 8lb 2oz. A little brother to William.

RUSHBROOK

Grace born at home on 9th January 2008, weighing 8lb 3oz. Daughter to Steve and Nicola in Maidstone.

SHARPE

Benjamin Michael Sharpe born on 18th January 2008, weighing 9lb 2oz. Son to Justin and Melanie Sharpe of Tonbridge.

SHAW

Congratulations to Stuart Shaw and Carolyn Mallon on the birth of their beautiful daughter Abigail Joanne Shaw. Born on 9th January 2008.

SQUIRE

Andrew and Rosaria are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter Sofia. born on 10th January 2008 weighing 7lb 2oz. A little sister for Natalia.

STRATTEN

Jonathan and Jennifer Stratten of Wadhurst celebrate the birth of their daughter Esther Lily Margaret Stratten on 26th December 2007.

THOMPSON

Richard and Tanja Thompson of Ramsgate celebrate the birth of their son Milan James on 7th January 2008. First grandchild for Jackie and Roger Thompson.

TRICE

Alfie born on 8th January 2008, weighing 7lb 9oz. Son to Becky and David in Margate.

TYLER

Malachi Frederick John Tyler born on 4th January 2008, weighing 10lb 3oz. Son to Graham and Emma Tyler of Tunbridge Wells and a baby brother for Tom, David, Kirsty, Zechariah, Samuel and Ayesha.

WATERS

Benjamin Hadley born on 9th January 2008, weighing 7lb 4oz. Son to Scott and Jane Waters in Ramsgate.

WEBSTER

Thomas Frederick Webster born on 7th January 2008, weighing 7lb. Beautiful son to Rhian and Michael.

WHITTLE

Jenny and David Whittle of Bearsted celebrate the birth of their daughter Katherine Mary Claire Whittle, on 15th January 2008 at Pembury Hospital weighing 7lb 8oz.

DEATHS

BALL

Henry Frederick Ball of East Malling passed away peacefully after a short illness on 20th January 2008, aged 73.

BAXTER

William Edward Baxter passed away peacefully, in his sleep, at his home in Herne Bay. A loving dad, grandad and great grandad who will be very sadly missed, not only by the family but all who knew him. The funeral was held on January 24th at Christchurch, Herne Bay.

BENNETT

Gladys Bennett formerly of Dargate passed away peacefully on 16th January in Faversham aged 84.

BILBROUGH

Henry George Bilbrough of Yalding passed away on 17th January 2008. Enquiries to Doves Funerals, Maidstone 01622 688662.

BUCKINGAHM

Margaret Buckingham of Margate died peacefully on 10th January 2008.

Funeral service at Thanet Crematorium at 1.20 p.m. on 23rd January.

BURCH

Peter Alan Burch passed away suddenly on 14th January 2008, aged 51. Funeral service at All Saints Church Loose at 12 noon on Wednesday 30th January.

COLLINS

Violet Collins, of East Farleigh, passed away on 17th January 2008, aged 93. Sadly missed by all the family. There will be a memorial service at East Farleigh Church on Friday 1st February at 2pm to celebrate her life, all who knew her are welcome.

EAGLETON

David John (Dave) died peacefully at home in his sleep on 4th January. Sadly missed by his wife Anna, Mother Ruby and Sheba. Funeral at Barham Crematorium on 31st January at 2pm. Flowers, if desired to Lyons Military Road.

ELLIS

Kathleen Joan Ellis passed away peacefully on 10th January 2008. Enquiries to Sears Funeral Directors on 01622 754663.

FEATLEY

Kenneth Featley of Westgate passed away peacefully after a long illness on 16th January 2008, aged 67. Service at Thanet Crematorium at 12.00 on 28th January. No flowers, donations to Pilgrims Hospice Thanet.

GORE

Arthur Charles passed away peacefully on January 2nd 2008 aged 91. "A true gentleman and friend to so many."

A loving husband, father, uncle and Grandad. Forever in our hearts, God bless, rest in peace. Lots of love Sheila, Heather, Derek, Martin, Rebecca and Stuart. xxx

HOLLINGWORTH

Harry passed away in Shepherdswell on 16th January 2008 aged 87. Funeral 28th January 3.20 pm at Thanet Crematorium. Enquires to W S Cole 01843 821253.

KIRBY

Mary Kirby of Birchington (formerly of Welling) passed away peacefully after a long illness on 13th January 2008, aged 63.

MACDONALD

Ron of Maidstone died peacefully at home on 14th January 2008. Funeral Service at Maidstone Crematorium at 2:45 pm on 29th January 2008.

MINTO

Daphne Joan Minto of Maidstone, formerly of Lowestoft in Suffolk, died peacefully on 16th January 2008, aged 79. Donations gratefully accepted for The Heart of Kent Hospice.

PAGE

Poppy Louise Page sadly taken from us whilst coming into this world on 15th January 2008. Beautiful daughter of Stuart and Vicky and sister to Lily. Funeral to take place at Barham Crematorium on Monday 4th February at 10.00 am. A celebration - no black please.

PLAYFORD

Mark Playford and family are sad to announce the passing of Mary Jean on the 11th January 2008.

ROBB

Peter Robb of Chatham died peacefully on January 12th 2008, aged 76. Funeral service at St. Augustines Church, Rock Avenue, Gillingham at 2.15pm on Monday 28th January.

SELDON

Gerard Arthur ("Gerry") Seldon died peacefully at Sevenoaks Hospital on the 15th January 2008. Memorial Celebration and Thanksgiving for his life at Chevening Church on Friday 1st February at 12 noon. No Flowers but donations to Hospice in the Weald or Friends of Sevenoaks Hospital.

VANNS

Wendy (77) Sadly passed away 21st January 2008 at Kent and Sussex Hospital will be greatly missed by family and many friends.

WILLIAMSON

Jill died suddenly at home on 13th January 2008 aged 49. Service at Thanet Crematorium 2pm on 30th January 2008. Flowers to Gores Funeral Directors Margate.

WRIGHT

Doreen (Dotty) Wright. Former head of English at William Gibbs and Queen Elizabeth Schools passed away on 17 January 2008 after a short illness. Funeral will be held at Thanet Crematorium on Wednesday 30 January 2008 at 12 noon. Family flowers only please. Donations can be made to the Stroke Association care of Beltinge and District Funeral Services.

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PROPERTY NEWS

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UK RESIDENTS are increasingly buying homes abroad, either as holiday venues or places to live in after retirement.

With affordable housing prices and agreeable climates, countries such as France and Spain have become popular second home destinations.

But as budget airlines expand their routes and make travel to places further afield easier and cheaper, some less well known places are seeing investment from these shores.

To allow for this www.protection-insurance.com, a specialist website has increased its holiday home insurance policy and now covers 44 countries. Recent additions include Bulgaria, Montenegro, Estonia, Finland, Norway and Thailand.

Aimed specifically at the owners of properties abroad, the company says it removes the difficulties of dealing with foreign insurers.

Jason Hulott, business development manager for the website, said: "This enhancement to our range of holiday home insurance products will prove invaluable to anyone owning an overseas holiday home.

"The English language policy ensures customers know exactly what is covered and means that premiums and any claims are paid in sterling."

Bonus drop puts locals on ladder

LOWER City bonuses mean fewer high earners will look to buy big in the country this year – so local people have a better chance to move up the property ladder into their dream homes.

This is the findings of a survey by Country Life magazine which surveyed the rural housing market in the £1 million to £3 million bracket.

Property editor Penny Churchill said: "In recent years demand for country houses has always exceeded supply.

"The prospect of fewer City bonus earners looking to buy second homes in the country is likely to be greeted with glee by local buyers, who see a downturn as their best chance in years of trading up to the kind of country home they have always dreamed of.

"This is especially true of the market for properties in the £1 million to £3 million price bracket in the south east where local families have been constantly outbid by City purchasers looking to invest their bonuses in a country or coastal retreat."



HEART OF THE HOME: Buyers place a higher value on the quality of the kitchen than they do on any other part of the house when making their buying decision

Why luxury kitchen is the recipe for success

■ BY NICK AMES

THE kitchen is the heart of the home according to new research which shows that it is the place where families come together to socialise.

A survey discovered that time, energy and cash is spent by the majority of homeowners to ensure a state-of-the-art setting for culinary experiments and meals.

Housebuilders Redrow are behind the study which revealed three of the top ten optional extras for the home were upgrades to the kitchen.

Integrated kitchen appliances such as cookers, freezers and work surfaces were among the most popular choices, as was the installation of downlighters.

Simon Bennett, the company's marketing

director, said: "It's true to say that the kitchen is the nucleus of most family homes, a place where families come together not only to eat, but to talk and socialise.

"We design our kitchens with this in mind, incorporating breakfast or seating areas as much as possible and sometimes with family areas alongside, where children can play safely under their parents' supervision.

"On every development we offer a good choice of kitchen cabinets and workshop finishes, from the traditional to the modern, plus splash-back tiling and vinyl flooring.

"Many customers are taking this to the next level by choosing to upgrade to our top-of-the-range kitchens with fully-integrated appliances, granite workshops, ceramic floor tiles

and downlighters, proving that the kitchen is definitely at the heart of the home."

Redrow, who build around 5,000 new homes each year across England, Scotland and Wales, has just launched a scheme offering ways for people to personalise their homes by offering upgrades and extra fittings.

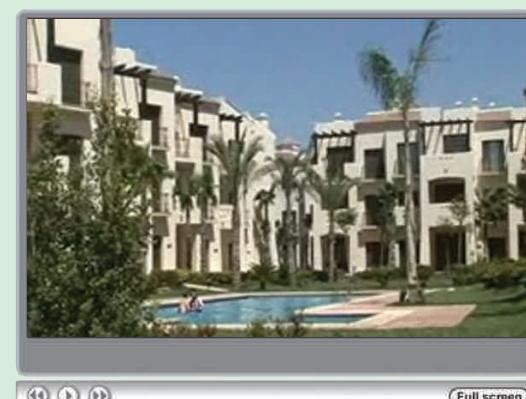
These range from taps to tiling, fireplaces in various designs, extra TV or phone points and alternative doors and handles.

The company also offers optional extras for those concerned about energy saving and preventing unnecessary emissions.

Included are kitchen waste segregation equipment, tap water flow restrictors, solar collectors, low energy lighting and advanced heating controls.

Other popular items include luxury bathroom fittings, carpets throughout the home, burglar alarms and additional fitted wardrobes.

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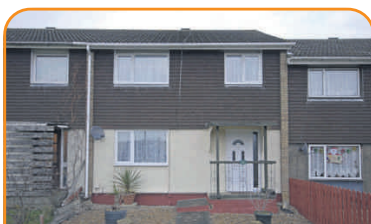


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HAMSTREET

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APPLEDORE

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Guide Price - £200,000



HERNE BAY

A spacious detached 5 bedroom modern house with building plot for a 3 bedroom bungalow. The accommodation includes an en-suite shower room, large lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room and study. The property also benefits from a conservatory to the rear together with balconies to the front and rear.

Guide Price- £420,000



RAMSGATE

A very charming modern 3 bedroom semi detached family home. It comprises sitting room, farmhouse kitchen, utility & a family bathroom. The property is farmhouse style and has many features. It also benefits from a paddock with 2 stables, a tack room and a field shelter. Viewing is highly recommended!

Guide Price- £310,000



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Our next meeting is on Wed 6th Feb. You may be able to provide the committee, which is fully supported by the Ashford police community safety unit, with useful information on various issues. All are welcome

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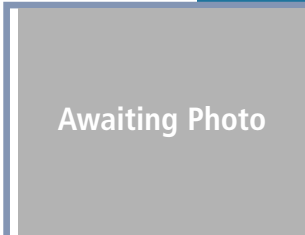
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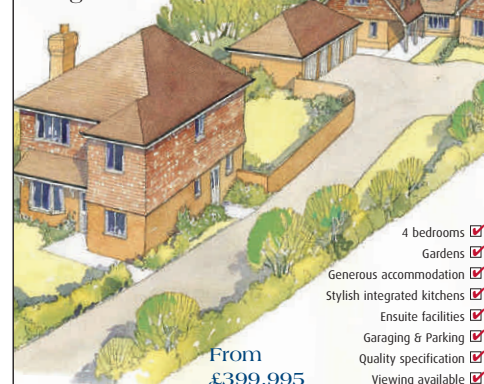
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Fiat's fortunes are looking up at last

FIAT is riding high in the aftermath of launching the highly-acclaimed Fiat 500.

An example of the retro-styled city car is still circling in a capsule aboard the London Eye – as pictured and part of last week's lavish launch event – while the parent company has announced a huge return to profitability.

For many years, Fiat suffered well-documented losses but the Italian group has announced a record trading profit of 3.2 billion euros for 2007 – 66 per cent up on 2006 and the car division almost doubled its profit over 2006, to 1.1 billion euros.

Sales of 2.234m vehicles was also the best in seven years.



Car dealers upbeat about used market

USED car dealers are positive about 2008, despite the credit crunch and faltering consumer confidence.

But research by motor valuation specialist CAP shows dealers see a need to better match stock to customer tastes.

Some plan to feature 'unusual' or more 'exotic' cars to tempt customers, while others will focus on lower mileage, smaller/more economical cars and higher specification cars.

Half will stock more diesels than a year ago – “Expect BMW diesel (pictured) values to rise even faster then,” says Kosmedia motoring editor Steve Loader.



Multi-purpose luxury

CITROEN is taking the compact MPV to new levels of luxury with the Lounge special edition of the award-winning C4 Picasso.

The £23,995 Lounge features full black leather upholstery for four large individual armchair style seats, chrome wheels, premium sound system, vast panoramic sunroof, black bodywork, sporty rear spoiler and a special chrome grille.

Power comes from a 2.0 HDi 138bhp turbodiesel, paired with a six-speed fully automatic gearbox and offers a maximum 118mph and almost 40mpg on the combined cycle.



VERSATILE: The Toyota Verso offers a stylish exterior and all the practicalities required of an MPV, plus a drive quality that puts many of its competitors in the shade

If you've no choice but to buy an MPV...

WOULD anyone buy an MPV unless they really had to?

I ask myself this every time I road test one and weigh the pros of more space, versatility and, sometimes, extra seats against the cons: ugliness, extra costs and terminal image failure that cannot be saved by fancy alloys and a joke spoiler.

A possible exception is Toyota's midi contender, the Verso. The car's looks are not to everyone's tastes but, within the constraints of a 'one-box' MPV design, I reckon the Toyota cuts a dash.

The view inside is equally impressive; Toyota has created an air of distinction and quality and more chance than most MPVs of deferring the inevitable “Are we there yet?” whine.

Our T180 flagship was, of course, equipped with the ultimate deterrent: a DVD system with screens on the backs of the front seats, allowing two warring factions to be kept amused.

Then, should WWII still ensue, that's when the rear privacy glass ensures the rest of the world is kept blissfully unaware of it.

ROAD TEST TOYOTA VERSO

BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

But what really impresses about all Versos is their driving appeal.

The T180 is particularly good, with dramatic low down pulling power from its 175bhp 2.2-litre turbodiesel making for impressive acceleration through a crisp and precise six-speed gearbox, yet it is neither raucous or coarse so an average of 40+mpg and relaxed motorway cruising is also part of the package.

Ride quality is a shrewd mixture of comfort plus taut handling with feedback through the wheel excellent for this class – whisper it, but I quite enjoyed a week with the car, mostly driving solo.

Versatility and space is top notch with both rearmost rows of seats folding flat to the floor for easy loading in 'van mode'. The middle ones also slide to vary boot space or legroom for those in the rearmost seats.

Like many rivals, using full seven-seat capacity means that boot space is modest, though no buyer of seven-seaters in this class should expect to use the cramped extra pair more than occasionally – for the school run perhaps.



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IT'S getting tough in the family/company car arena. Prestige names like BMW, Audi and Mercedes have moved into territory once dominated by the Ford Mondeo and Vauxhall Vectra. Cars of this size have also faced competition from rising sales in the people carrier/MPV and 4x4/SUV sectors. The response from mainstream carmakers has been to go for more quality, as shown by the latest VW Passat and Toyota Avensis, and Ford has hit back with the latest Ford Mondeo by shifting it upmarket, though the previous car remains a tough competitor.

VW PASSAT



VW's previous Passat set a higher benchmark for quality and the new version raised the bar again. The German giant recognised the best way to counter upmarket rivals, including sister marque Audi, was by upping the standard of the overall package. So the new Passat is more spacious, drives better than the previous model and looks good. Factor in some of the best engines, petrol or diesel, on the market plus modest pricing and it looks irresistible.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
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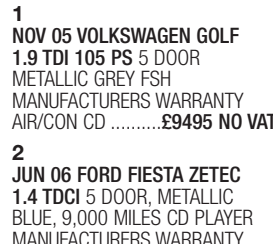
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37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,285 per annum.

Post Ref: SDT3/KOS

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Post Ref: 06/22/KOS

Evening Catering Assistant

16 hrs per week, 36 weeks term time. Salary £11,744 pro rata per annum.

Post Ref: CA6/KOS

Senior Administrator – Student Support Services

37 hrs per week, salary starting from £18,285 per annum.

Post ref: 07/96/KOS

For an application pack please visit www.cant-col.ac.uk or call the Personnel Office on 01227 811282 (24hr answerphone) quoting the post reference.

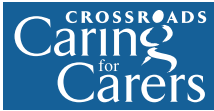
The closing date for the above posts is Monday 4 February 2008 at 12 noon.

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Lecturer, Animal Management

£21,762 to £29,337 per annum
Three months fixed term contract.

A member of our team is taking a sabbatical to undertake wildlife conservation research in Zambia and we are therefore looking for a highly motivated individual to cover his teaching while he is gone. Joining a vibrant and enthusiastic team, you will be required to tutor, teach and give practical instruction in Animal Management to a range of students on Further and Higher Education courses at our Hadlow and Canterbury campuses.

The successful candidate will need practical experience in an animal care industry plus teaching experience in a practical and/or classroom setting. A keen interest in a wide range of animal related subjects is essential, as is a qualification in an animal related subject (Degree, Vet Nursing, etc).

In addition to the minimum requirements detailed above, candidates will also need a teaching qualification or the willingness to work towards one, excellent communication and IT skills and the ability to work well as part of a team. Qualifications A1/A2 (or D32 and D33) would also be an advantage.

This post is for a fixed term period of three months commencing in April 2008. Depending on student recruitment however, this post could lead to a more permanent opportunity in 2008/9.

To receive an information pack and application form please telephone the Human Resources Department on 01732 850551 or e-mail us at jobs@hadlow.ac.uk.

The closing date is Monday, 11th February 2008.

Visit Hadlow College at www.hadlow.ac.uk

Hadlow College is a committed equal opportunities employer.

HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT

Required to join our Nursing Team in General Practice

- Phlebotomy experience preferred but not essential as training will be provided. 3 mornings per week (20 hours)
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Adolescent Resource Centre, Folkestone

The Adolescent Resource Centre concept is well established in other areas of Kent. The Folkestone 'ARC 25' builds on the existing models of innovative multi-agency alternative curriculum projects for disengaged and disaffected KS4 young people, providing broad professional support from a range of agencies and an exciting working environment.

Committed to high quality and genuinely imaginative education, focused on the needs of young people, ARC 25 in Folkestone is looking for committed education staff to join a team working from other agencies, including Social Services, Youth & Community, Connexions, Youth Offending Service and Health.

This post covers work with the client group both in centre and when needed being lead tutor on the Three Men in a Boat project which is a peripatetic learning provision working with young people with extreme and complex needs.

You will need to provide evidence of commitment to the welfare of, and effective working with, vulnerable, disengaged KS4 students and have a proven commitment to multi-agency team working and curriculum innovation.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure application to the Criminal Records Bureau. **Ref: CFE/o8/0017**

Closing date: midday, 7th February 2008.

Resilience Co-ordinator

£19,572 – £29,190 per annum Salary
dependent on experience and progression
through the Career Grade is based on the
fulfilment of required competencies

Invicta House, Maidstone

KCC delivers vital services to the public and it is essential that it can continue to do so in times of crisis. To ensure this, we need an additional person to help develop our business continuity arrangements.

If you understand business continuity in its widest sense and can guide and motivate people who work across a broad range of disciplines, please contact us. Knowledge of Local Government functions and organisation would be an advantage, but we are not seeking IS/IT specialists.

As a member of the Emergency Planning Group you may also be actively involved in addressing any emergency affecting the County. **Ref: CD/o8/0014.**

Closing date: midday, 13th February 2008.

Emergency Planning Officer

Salary and location as above.

KCC and the District Councils in Kent play a vital role in responding to a wide range of emergencies, helping those affected and restoring the community to normality. We need another person to join our Team to assist in discharging the County Council's duties under the Civil Contingencies Act, and a range of associated activities. The work is interesting and challenging. You should have a sound knowledge of Local Government functions and organisation.

Knowledge of Emergency Planning would be an advantage.

Ref: CD/o8/0015

Closing date: midday, 13th February 2008.



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Kent Adult Placement

Kent Adult Placement Scheme is a service that supports vulnerable adults to access greater everyday life opportunities within their local community, by recruiting and supporting ordinary members of the community to become carers.

Carers and their families open their homes to provide, a place to stay and support individuals who want to be more independent by sharing and contributing in an ordinary family lifestyle.

Team Manager – Adult Placement Scheme

Starting salary £29,190, with progression
through contribution related pay to £34,507
per annum

Kroner House, Ashford

As a Team Manager, you will be skilled in managing and developing person centred support services that promote independence and inclusion.

You will need to be committed to work in partnership with staff, people who use our service and carers to ensure high quality services are delivered that meet Care Standards.

Good communication, budget management, business planning, performance management and people skills are essential to this post

We are committed to service user and carer involvement and seek to involve service users and carers in our recruitment processes.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. **Ref: KASS/o8/0020.**

Closing date: midday, 11th February 2008.

Adult Placement Assistants

£16,556 to £22,268 Pro Rata salary
dependent on experience and progression
through the career grade is based on the
fulfilment of required competencies
Part-time 30 hours per week

Ashford, Kings Hill and Margate

As an Adult Placement Assistant you will assist the Adult Placement Officers in supporting and monitoring a growing caseload of placements.

You will work with carers, vulnerable adults, care managers and other professionals and need to demonstrate a person centred approach, excellent interpersonal/report writing skills and a good understanding of the needs of vulnerable people and the issues likely to impact on their lives

In return, you will receive a comprehensive induction, regular structured supervision and a strong commitment to training and development.

We are committed to service user and carer involvement and seek to involve service users and carers in our recruitment processes.

This post is subject to an Enhanced Disclosure Application to the Criminal Records Bureau. **Ref: KASS/o8/0008**

Closing date: midday, 11th February 2008.

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Discover your Potential

Mid-Kent College is one of the largest providers of Further Education in Kent with over 12,000 students, 800 staff and an income in excess of £27m.

Located at four sites in Maidstone, Chatham and Rochester we will open our new £82 million campus to students in September 2009.

At a time of unprecedented change the College is looking to recruit a number of professionals to help deliver our vision and values in the following areas.



Additional Learning Support (CAST) Tutor Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954

Ref: 183

The main task of the post-holder will be to organise, deliver, monitor and evaluate the additional learning support for learners. Preferably JCQ qualified. You will also have a recognised teaching qualification and be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge in assessing and supporting learners.

Lecturer in Electrical Installation Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954

Ref: 217

We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic professionals to teach, assess and participate in the development of Electrical Installation courses. The successful candidate will assist learners in all practical aspects of electrical installation and be able to assess competence at all levels on electrical programmes. The applicant must hold a relevant qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience.

Lecturer in Electrical Installation with Programme Co-ordination Responsibilities Grade: Circa: £28,415 - £31,954

Ref: 226

We have an excellent opportunity for a Lecturer in Electrical Installation who will be actively involved in the development and promotion of Electrical Installation programmes. The ideal candidate must hold a relevant qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience. This post would provide an excellent opportunity for a highly motivated lecturer to take a first step into Management.

Lecturer in Mechanical Engineering Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954

Ref: 320

The primary role of the post-holder will be to teach, demonstrate, facilitate, assess machining operations and participate in the development of Mechanical Engineering courses. You will have proven experience in Mechanical Engineering and be able to teach across a range of levels from Foundation/GCSE to Higher National. The successful candidate will have a HNC or Degree in an Engineering subject. Knowledge of CAD/CAM would be an advantage, applicants should hold or be willing to work towards an approved teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Psychology Lecturer Grade B: £24,361 - £27,897

Ref: 262

We are looking for a Lecturer in Psychology is to teach on a range of courses and participate in the development of Psychology. Applicants should hold a relevant degree in Psychology and have the ability to teach A/S and A2 Level and Access courses.

Chef Lecturer in Hospitality and Catering Lecturer Grade B: £24,361 - £27,897

Ref: 294

You will contribute to the development, management and teaching of hospitality programmes. With current knowledge and practical experience of the Catering Industry you will have sufficient teaching experience and educated to Level 3 or the equivalent in a relevant field. The candidate must have a recognised teaching qualification, Intermediate Food Hygiene certificate and possess either a D32/33 or A Award.

HE Lecturer in Tourism (22 hours per week) Lecturer Grade C: £28,415 - £31,954 pro-rata

Ref: 297

An opportunity has arisen for a HE Lecturer in Tourism. The main purpose of the role is to deliver and teach on our foundation degree in tourism. You will also be required to teach on a range of Travel and Tourism courses. You must have a degree in Tourism and be willing to work towards an appropriate teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Performing Arts Lecturer Grade B £24,361 - £27,897

Ref: 081

We have an exciting opportunity for a creative and dynamic individual with enthusiasm for working with younger students. The successful candidate will be involved with the development of the department, driving forward new ideas and must be able to demonstrate innovative ways of working.

You will have experience teaching in FE, ideally with an acting and/or drama specialism with a minimum first degree in relevant subject area and hold an appropriate teaching qualification.

Lecturer in Basic Skills, Key Skills & ESOL Lecturer Grade A: £16,399 - £23,840

Ref: 383

The post holder will join a team of teachers who are responsible for delivering Skills for Life qualifications in ESOL, Key Skills and Basic Skills. The job involves preparing, organising and teaching ESOL, Key Skills and Basic Skills qualifications to full time and part time students. You will be a graduate with teaching experience and ideally have an ESOL/EFL qualification.

Personal Tutor (Fixed-Term & Permanent) Grade E £19,161 - £24,700

Ref: 132

As a Personal Tutor you will plan and deliver a full range of group tutorials to learners with a wide range of abilities. A key responsibility will be to effectively liaise with departmental staff, parents/guardians and attend various meetings to share relevant information. You will be able to work with minimum supervision and have experience of working in a coaching, mentoring or teaching capacity and be willing to undertake an appropriate teaching qualification.

Assessor in Engineering (15 hours per week) Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700 pro-rata

Ref: 325A

An opportunity has arisen for an Assessor in Engineering. The successful candidates will be responsible for monitoring the progress of trainees and ensuring employers and managing agents are appraised of trainee progress in their respective areas. The post(s) will be responsible for assessing practical skills and internal verification of trainees therefore candidates should hold a relevant qualification for Mechanical Engineering or Services or Fabrication & Welding assessment.

Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Electrical Installation Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700

Ref: N04

We are looking for an Assessor/Officer in Electrical Installation. The successful candidate will review and assess learners in all aspects of electrical installation. You must possess a suitable qualification in Electrical Installation and have proven trade experience. Good communication skills, both verbal and written are essential and ability to travel between College sites.

Assessor/Reviewing Officer in Carpentry Grade E: £19,161 - £24,700

Ref: 003

As a member of Construction Crafts you will liaise with employers and learners to co-ordinate, review and assess apprentices on funded programmes. You will have experience working in the Construction Industry as a Wood Occupations Assessor and have up-to-date knowledge of assessment issues.

Personnel Officer Grade: Circa £26,000 to £30,000

Ref: N01

Using strong business acumen you will provide comprehensive generalist advice to our clients and work closely with senior managers on specific projects and TUPE transfers.

You will be able to demonstrate knowledge of employment legislation, including TUPE and have significant experience of capability, disciplinary and grievance procedures. The successful applicant must have the ability to introduce change effectively and diplomatically, whilst knowledge of payroll would be advantageous. You will have obtained a degree or equivalent qualification and CIPD membership/part membership or a willingness to work towards membership.

Personnel Advisor Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

Ref: 492

As a member of the Personnel department you will compliment the existing team in all aspects of the day-to-day running of the College Personnel function. You will provide generalist advice to managers and staff and have an understanding of recent developments in employment legislation. The successful candidate will be educated to level 2/3 or equivalent and be able to demonstrate excellent administrative skills and practical knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. In addition, an interest in Payroll would be advantageous and you will have obtained your CPP qualification or be willing to work towards it.

Payroll Assistant Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

Ref: 487

As a member of the Personnel and Payroll department you will assist in all aspects of the day-to-day running of the College Payroll, including processing joiners, leavers, pensions and claim forms. You will be able to demonstrate excellent numeracy skills and have the ability to produce and manipulate data using spreadsheets. Previous Payroll experience and an interest in employee relations would be advantageous.

Technician in Beauty Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727

Ref: 045

We are looking to recruit a highly motivated individual to provide guidance and support to learners and assists with the running of various Clinics. You will be energetic with good organisational and communication skills and have relevant experience within the beauty industry.

Travel Shop Advisor (15 hours per week) Grade D: £17,341 - £22,239 pro-rata

Ref: 313

A vacancy has arisen in our fully ABTA bonded travel agency for an experienced travel consultant. The candidate will be able to demonstrate an understanding of travel courses and provide comprehensive and professional travel provision for staff, students and visitors to the College.

Examinations Assistant Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994

Ref: 605

As the main point of contact for at least one Awarding Body you will provide administrative support for examinations in liaison with the examinations co-ordinator. You will have experience using databases and Microsoft Word and Excel.

Receptionist/Administrator (Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover, Maidstone) Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 per annum

Ref: 464

Receptionist/Administrator (Chatham & Rochester) Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727

Ref: 397

As a member of the multi-disciplined Campus Management Team you will provide a comprehensive and efficient front-line service to College stakeholders. You will undertake the full range of reception and administrative duties and have experience using MS Office applications. Previous reception/administration and front-line experience essential.

Library Assistant (18.5 hours per week 40 weeks per year) Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata

Ref: 559

As part of a team you will assist in the provision of front line library services, ensuring the delivery of high quality, easily accessible services to all users. We are looking to appoint a professional and enthusiastic individual with excellent administrative skills who is able to work accurately with alpha/numeric systems. You will be educated to GCSE or equivalent level in Mathematics and English.

Learner Finance Administrator Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727

Ref: 615

Your prime responsibility will be to define and maintain a central College system for delivering the administrative requirements of all Learner Finance services within set financial guidelines. Services include, Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and the Audit Learning Grant (ALG).

Department Administrator (Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover) Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 per annum

Ref: 442

You will provide efficient and effective day-to-day administrative support and assistance to at least one department. You will have excellent administrative skills and experience using Microsoft Office applications.

Apprentice in Administration (1 year Fixed-Term Contract) Grade A: based on percentage of £9,350

Ref: N02

As a member of the Curriculum Team you will provide support to College stakeholders and the learning and development function. The successful candidate will develop competencies to meet NVQ Level 2 Standards of performance.

Administration Assistant (Fixed-Term, Maternity Cover) Grade B: £14,618 - £17,994 per annum

Ref: 485

Working with the Learning and development team you will assist in the planning and co-ordination of all Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities. Advanced knowledge and experience of using Microsoft Office and the ability to plan, organise and take minutes of meetings is essential.

Entry to Employment Facilitator (6 months Fixed-Term) Grade A: £11,261 - £15,727 pro-rata

Ref: N03

We are looking to recruit an individual with excellent administration skills to assist with the day-to-day recording of student progress and to liaise with external and internal agencies under the guidance of Tutors.

Please note that all posts are subject to a 3% cost of living increase effective from 1 February 2008.

The benefits of joining Mid-Kent College include generous annual leave, final salary pension scheme, flexible working and on-site gym.

All posts are subject to an Enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please call the Personnel department on 01634 845402 (24 hour answer machine) or e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk quoting the appropriate reference number.

Closing date: Friday, 15 February 2008

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Teacher

All Saints CE Primary School

KS1 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and temporary
Term of Contract: 1 year
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 1 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs G Hill
All Saints CE Primary School
Magpie Hall Road
Chatham, Kent ME4 5JY
Telephone - (01634) 338922
Email headteacher@
allsaints.medway.sch.uk

Skinner Street Primary School

Year 5 teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and temporary
Term of Contract: Maternity Cover
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 19 February 2008
To apply/more information
School Office
Skinner Street Primary School
Skinner Street
Gillingham, Kent ME7 1LG
Telephone - (01634) 850213
Email
office@skinnerst.medway.sch.uk

St Margarets CEVC Junior School

KS2 Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 8 February 2008
To apply/more information
Paul Gabbett, Headteacher
St Margarets CEVC Junior School
Orchard Street
Rainham, Kent ME8 9AE
Telephone - (01634) 230998
Email office@stmargarets.org.uk

Dean Wood Primary Ed. Technology School

Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and Temporary
Contract: 25th Feb - 31st
August 2008
Required From: 25 February 2008
Closing date: 05 February 2008
To apply/more information
Robin Halls
Headteacher
Long Catlis Road
Parkwood
Gillingham, Kent ME8 9TX
Telephone - (01634) 231901
Email headteacher@
deanwood.medway.sch.uk

Deputy Headteacher All Saints CE Primary School

Deputy Headteacher
Salary: Leadership scale 11 - 16
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 1 February 2008

To apply/more information

Deborah Good
All Saints CE Primary School
Magpie Hall Road
Chatham
Kent
ME4 5JY
Telephone - (01634) 338922
Email headteacher@
allsaints.medway.sch.uk

St Margarets At Troy Town CE Primary School

Deputy Headteacher
Salary: Leadership scale 7 - 11
 (£40,590 - £44,790)
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 4 February 2008
To apply/more information
Ms J Falk
Headteacher
St Margarets At Troy Town CE
Primary School
King Street
Rochester
Kent
ME1 1YF
Telephone - (01634) 843843
Email headteacher@
st-margaretsatroytown.medway.
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SECONDARY SCHOOLS

Teacher

Rainham Mark Grammar School

Science Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 7 February 2008
To apply/more information
School Office
Rainham Mark Grammar School
Pump Lane
Gillingham
Kent ME8 7AJ
Telephone - (01634) 364151
Email office@
rainhammark.medway.sch.uk

Rainham Mark Grammar School

Mathematics Teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 7 February 2008
To apply/more information
School office
Rainham Mark Grammar School
Pump Lane
Gillingham
Kent ME8 7AJ
Telephone - (01634) 364151
Email office@
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Rainham School for Girls

Teacher of Food Technology &
Child Development
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From:
April or September 2008
Closing date: 11 February 2008

To apply/more information

Mrs D Francis, Personnel Officer
Rainham School for Girls
Derwent Way
Rainham, Kent ME8 0BX
Telephone - (01634) 362746
Email dfrancis@rsg.org.uk

Chatham Grammar School for Girls

Teacher of Design Technology
(Textiles)
Salary: MPS/UPS
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 1 September 2008
Closing date: 15 February 2008
To apply/more information
The School office
Chatham Grammar School for
Girls
Rainham Road
Chatham, Kent ME5 7EH
Telephone - (01634) 851262
Email chile001@medway.org.uk

Head of subject

The Howard School

Head of Spanish
Salary: MPS/UPS + TLR of £2,364
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 8 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mr P Morris, Headteacher
The Howard School
Derwent Way
Rainham, Kent ME8 0BX
Telephone - (01634) 388765
Email
office@howard.medway.sch.uk

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Danecourt Community School

Class teacher
Salary: MPS/UPS + SEN 2
Full Time and permanent
Required From: 21 April 2008
Closing date: 6 February 2008
To apply/more information
Mrs Royle
Danecourt Community School
Hotel Road
Gillingham, Kent ME8 6AA
Telephone - (01634) 232589
Email roylk001@medway.gov.uk

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Teacher Recruitment Team
Medway Council
Civic Centre
Strood, Kent ME2 4AU
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CANTERBURY CAMPUS

DEPARTMENT OF POSTGRADUATE INITIAL TEACHER EDUCATION

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer (ICT) in Initial Teacher Education

£27,466 to £40,335 per annum

You will contribute to ICT education teaching in a range of secondary ITE programmes.

With qualified teacher status, a relevant first degree and teaching experience in secondary schools, you will hold a higher degree or work towards one as a priority if appointed.

Informal enquiries about the post may be made to the Acting Head of Department, William Stow, on 01227 782524. Ref: LSL3/PTD/77.

Closing date: 14 February 2008.

Interview date: 28 February 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

Lecturer/Senior Lecturer (Science)

£27,466 to £40,335 per annum

You will contribute to Science teaching in a range of Primary Programmes depending on expertise and experience.

You will have qualified teacher status, a relevant first degree, teaching experience in primary and/or secondary schools, and a developed subject specialism in Science. You will hold a higher degree or work towards one as a priority if appointed.

Informal enquiries about the posts may be made to the Head of Department, Sue Kendall-Seatter, on 01227 782088. Ref: LSL7/PE/77.

REGISTRY

Assistant Registrar – Timetabling & Rooming

£32,796 to £40,335 per annum

You will lead the University's Timetable Unit which manages the teaching timetable and rooming of non-teaching events using a computerised system (Scientia Syllabus +). The Unit is responsible for the production of computerised University timetables. The role will involve developing policies and procedures in the area of timetabling and rooming to ensure that the service meets the needs of the institution and contributing, through the provision of data, to the development of the University's estate to meet the needs of academic and non-academic rooming requirements.

You will be qualified to first degree standard or equivalent with substantial administrative experience of timetabling and rooming within an HE/FE environment. A higher degree and a post experience management qualification would be advantageous. Ref: AR1/REG/77.

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BUSINESS BRIEFS

SeaFrance's new faces

SEAFRANCE has added two new faces to its marketing team to help promote its cross-Channel ferry services.

Mark Whitling has been taken on as online marketing executive. He previously worked as assistant communications manager for the Oxleas NHS Foundation Trust.

Jenny Marshall has also been appointed in the role of marketing communications executive after studying business administration with marketing.

KTA gets new investors

KENT Tourism Alliance now has the Holiday Inn Ashford North and the Marriott Bexleyheath as new investors.

KTA, a private and public partnership promoting the county's £1.8 billion tourist industry, offers a range of benefits to its investors who include visitor destinations, accommodation providers, local authorities and tourism organisations.

Save on staff sick days

BUSINESSES have been urged to provide instant health checks for employees and save money by reducing the number of days they have off sick.

Water, based in Marden, want companies to take up well-being checks following a survey by CBI/AXA, which discovered employee sickness costs businesses an average of £600-a-year per worker.

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Exports still strong despite downturn

MANUFACTURING demand in the South East has remained firm in the face of serious concerns of a global economic downturn, according to the latest CBI Industrial Trends survey.

BY TONY PATEY

Three months ago bosses were expressing their fears as the credit crunch began to bite – but their pessimism faded as orders for British-made goods continued to hold up and exports grew at their fastest rate for 12 years.

Malcolm Hyde, CBI South East Regional Director, said: "Manufacturers share similar concerns to other sectors about the economy – a fear that rising costs might become combined with slowing demand."

"Thankfully, the expected wobble in demand didn't materialise in the last three months and orders for British-made goods have held up, particularly from abroad."

"What we are seeing is part of a necessary rebalancing of the economy, in the face of slowing consumer spending."

He said the dilemma now facing the Bank of England over interest rates is to weigh risks of a slowdown with the real and present pressure on prices in both factories and other areas of the economy.

"Price pressures from oil and food costs will bring higher inflation in the short-term and may push the inflation rate further above target during 2008, making the Bank's decision even more difficult," he said.

Although export orders in particular are remaining healthy, rising food and energy costs mean bosses expect their domestic prices to go up at the fastest rate for 13 years, pushing up export prices faster than they have done over the last two years.

Demand has continued to grow, with 28 per cent of firms saying total new orders increased in the three months to January compared with 17 per cent reporting a decrease. This exceeded expectations, but slower growth is expected in the next three months.

But demand this quarter was for the most part driven by export orders, no doubt helped by the weaker pound – though much of the currency's depreciation occurred after the survey was conducted.

Exports grew at the fastest rate since October 1995, but concerns that political and economic conditions abroad will limit orders over the coming three months have increased slightly since October and expectations are for flat growth in the next three months.



FEARS FADE: Wobble in demand didn't materialise and orders for British goods have held up



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**SCORE DRAW:** Ashford men's first XI (in black) dropped two valuable points

Ashford's lead cut after draw

A COSTLY 3-3 draw with Sutton Valence saw Ashford men's lead at the top of the 1st XI Kent/Sussex Regional table slashed to three points.

The point extends the team's unbeaten record to 14 league games this season but they would have expected to win a home game against Valence, who are in the bottom half of the table.

Ashford beat Valence 6-1 away earlier in the season but the contest was much tighter on this occasion, with both sides missing chances to win the game.

Nearest rivals Worthing won their match to reduce Ashford's lead, which could be fully eroded if they were to slip to a surprise defeat away to second bottom side Herne Bay on

HOCKEY

**Ashford 1st XI 3
Sutton Valence 3**

Saturday.

Ashford's ladies first XI continue to struggle in the post-winter break, going down 2-1 against Meopham Ladies.

The side have lost both their matches since the return of league hockey, which is in stark contrast to their pre-Christmas form which saw them win four of their last five games before the break.

The defeat leaves them fifth in the Kent Women's Outdoor Premier Division and the successive defeats

look to have ended any hopes of taking the title.

They are now ten points behind undefeated league leaders Blackheath, who are Ashford's opponents on Saturday.

Ashford Ladies' second XI are in better form and won their sixth successive match to stay two points clear at the top of Division Three.

A routine 4-0 win away to basement side Gravesend Ladies' fourth XI kept them on course for an unbeaten season.

This weekend Ashford host struggling Bexleyheath & Belvedere as they look to extend their run to 15 games.

The ladies' fourth XI lost 2-1 at Blackheath's third XI to remain fourth in Division Four.

Town make it a trio of wins

ASHFORD Town reserves made it three wins on the spin after a 2-1 victory at Croydon.

Town have won four of the last six games in Kent League Division Two and their recent performances have seen them climb to third spot in the division.

Ashford's second string are ten points behind leaders Dover Athletic, although Town do have a game in hand.

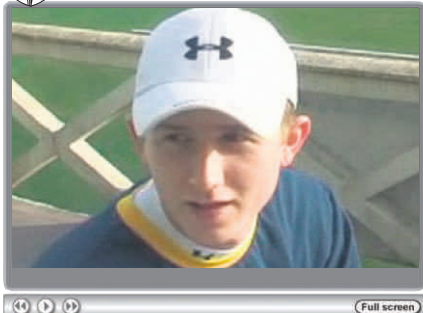
With just one defeat all season, Ashford will hope to continue their unbeaten run to keep the pressure on at the top.

They play on Saturday in the First/Second Division Cup quarter-final away to Cray Wanderers. Kick-off is at 1.30pm.

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Kent batsman Joe Denly talks about his experiences of facing spin in India

Can Benn find oasis of form?

BENN Barham will hope for an improved performance when he tees off in the Dubai Desert Classic tomorrow.

The 31-year-old is competing for the £210,000 first prize in the lucrative tournament at the Emirates Golf Club.

He will be up against a star-studded field including Tiger Woods, Ernie Els and Colin Montgomerie.

Barham had a disappointing tournament last week when he missed the cut in the Qatar Masters.

The Ashford GC member struggled in the sweltering conditions, shooting rounds of 76 and 75 to finish on seven over par, six shots adrift of the cut.

Last year, in the Dubai Classic, the Ashford golfer missed the cut finishing tied 105th with a three over par score, after he hit rounds of 73 and 74.

The winner of the competition was Henrik Stenson who shot 19 under including a round of 64. Barham will be hoping for a better performance in this year's tournament.

Lovell says pitch is a drain on Town hopes

FOOTBALL

■ BY TOM HOWARD

Ashford Town 3 Molesey 0

STEVE Lovell recorded his first win at The Homelands and only Ashford's third all season after his Nuts and Bolts side overcame relegation-bound Molesey.

The Town boss named an unchanged side after last week's draw against Tooting & Mitcham, which meant new signing Anthony Hogg had to make do with a place on the bench.

Both sides found it difficult to find any rhythm on a difficult boggy surface, but goals from strike duo, Paul Jones and Mark Lovell and another from Jimmy Bottle secured the victory.

Lovell still has eyes on a play-off place, and although his side are on an unbeaten run of four games, it remains to be seen if they can make up the 14 points that is the difference between Town and the top five.

He said: "It was a good result. In all fairness we probably should have scored more. We are not quite creeping up the table but we are most definitely closing the gap on the teams in the top half of the league. All we can do is keep winning games and hope to climb up the table."

"The last eight games we have done very well. We are unbeaten in our last four which is nice."

The Ashford boss has been impressed with his strike partnership and hopes their contributions will continue to put pressure on teams around them.

He said: "It was good to get goals coming from all over the park. Mark [Lovell] and Paul Jones are really starting to form a strong partnership up front."

"The goals they've scored in the last few weeks show that. At the other end our defence has been solid. We rarely let many in these days, which is pleasing to see as a manager."

The Nuts and Bolts now have strength in depth and Lovell hopes that will bring the best out of his players.

Hogg signed from Sittingbourne two weeks ago, but is yet to get a starting role at The Homelands as there is healthy competition for places to keep the squad on their toes.

The pitch at The Homelands has proved difficult to play on all season, with five games having been postponed already, which Lovell says is the reason his team has not won as often at home as they would have liked.



GOT THE BOTTLE: Ashford winger Jimmy Bottle got his side off to a great start as they recorded their first win at home under boss Steve Lovell

He said: "It was my first home win which is hard to believe. They have only had two home wins all season. I believe it is difficult to play on the pitch at The Homelands. It is still very boggy and hard to play football, particularly

with how we want to play on it. The groundsman has done his best, but a lot of work is needed on the drainage."

Town are next in action on Saturday away to Corinthian Casuals.



KEEP TRYING: Ashford earned a share of the spoils in a hard-fought match against Kent 1's strongest side, as a dramatic last-gasp penalty kick secured a draw for the home side

Young JJ shows teen spirit to secure draw

A FINE display of kicking from 18-year-old JJ Murray ensured Ashford came away with a point against the league's runaway leaders.

Ashford were under pressure in the first ten minutes, but the Ashford defence managed to hold firm until the 16th minute when OG's outside centre came through at speed and managed to go in under the posts for the first try of the game. The try was successfully converted to give the visitors a 7-0 lead.

It seemed to spur the home side on and after 27 minutes Ashford levelled the score. Karl Harding fed Trevor Marama, who drove forward towards the opposition line before off-

RUGBY

■ BY YOURASHFORD REPORTER

Ashford 13 Old Gravesendians 13

loading a pass out to Pete Walsh who managed to go over the line for an excellent try.

Murray stepped up, and from five metres in from the touch line, he slotted the conversion to make the scores level.

The second half was again very even until 15 minutes into the second half, OG's were awarded a penalty in front of the posts which they duly converted to make the score 10-7.

Ashford lost out by a penalty last week and were not about to let it happen again. With just 20 minutes, left they were awarded a penalty of their own 35-metres out and close to the touch line.

Skipper Paul Lake asked Murray if it was within his range and the youngster, with all the confidence in the world, stepped forward and to the crowd's delight put it straight through the centre of the uprights to level the score once again.

With just five minutes to go, the visitors were awarded another penalty which they slotted home to put the pressure back on Ashford.

The home side refused to lie down and with a minute left, Harding slotted home a kick to level the scores.

Bethersden book berth in final

SUNDAY LEAGUE

BETHERSDEN are the first team to reach a cup final in the Ashford & District Sunday League after a high scoring semi-final.

They beat Market Hotel in the Premier Division Cup 5-3, after racing into a four-goal lead. Paul Pemble, Tim Sims, Pete Sikora and Dave Law all netted for Bethersden, before Mark Mason pulled one back minutes before the break.

The four-goal lead was restored through Matt Goldsmith, only for Dan Cornell and Darrell Bartholomew to make it tight towards the end.

The Albion pulled off a shock result in the Ashford Charity Cup, by putting Mersham out on penalties.

The score after normal time was 1-1 and with extra time failing to separate the two sides, Albion went on to win 4-1 on penalties.

Ashford Cavaliers moved into the semi-final with a routine 4-2 win over Burton Grove as Fred Ruby, Duncan Garrott, Stuart Allan and Darren Carter all got on the scoresheet. James Ross replied with both Groves' goals.

Picture: RYAN MILLIS



STILL UNBEATEN: Ashford Victoria remain at the top of Division Four after beating Highfield Reserves 6-3

Only one game took place in the Premier Division as Lydd drew 3-3 with Aldington.

Bliby look like returning to the Premier Division after a heavy 5-1 win over Bocca. Ashford Eagles look set for the drop after going down 6-0 away to Red Heathens, while Grasshoppers won 2-0 at Charing.

Market Hotel Reserves moved to the top of Division Two after winning 4-0 against Locomotive, while Bromley Green Reserves

and Highfield drew 2-2. Churchill Royals won 3-2 at home to Appledore.

Galacticos thrashed Newchurch 6-0 and Wye beat Quest 5-2 in Division Three, while Aldington Reserves sneaked home 5-4 winners over Brabourne.

Ashford Victoria kept up their push for promotion with a 6-3 home win over Highfield Reserves. Jack Bundock hit a hat trick and Shane Jupp and Andy Jones scored.

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SPORT IN BRIEF

All Stars shine and the Criminals steal victory

THE ten cup ties in the Towers Super Sixes produced 35 goals at Kennington last week.

League champions Bromley Green came back from a goal down to win 3-1, while Ashford All Stars won 4-1.

Smooth Criminals hit four past Brabourne, as did Team BCM against Maybe Next Time.

PGC continued their good run with a 3-1 victory over Dynamo Syslek, while Mean Machine also won by the same scoreline against Annasusual.

Basement club next up for town's bowls club

ASHFORD Bowls Club remain mid-table after the men's team won 119-88 against Betteshanger.

It was the men's sixth win of the bowls season and keeps them seventh in the Men's Kent League.

The side take on basement team Angel away next week and should pick up a victory as their opponents have only won three games this season.

They then face Whiteoak a week later, who are second bottom in the division.

Ashford aiming to break Herts in race up the table

HERTFORD are up next for Ashford Ladies' Rugby Club, who will hope to continue their recent good form.

The two teams sit mid-table in South East Two, with just three points separating them.

Ashford are in fourth spot and if they continue their good form, they have a chance of putting pressure on the teams above them.

Ashford are nine points behind league leaders Romford & Gidea Ladies. The two sides clash in April.

Club's new constitution to be forged at meeting

MEMBERS of Ashford Cricket Club and Old Stacians Cricket Club will gather tonight for an Extraordinary General Meeting to draw up a new constitution.

The clubs have already voted to merge for financial reasons at separate EGMs and will now meet to finalise the details.

Officers of the newly-formed club will be voted in, with other topics up for discussion including the club's name.

The meeting will be held in the Old Stacians clubhouse in Kingsnorth at 8pm.

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